

RESOLUTION

Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

IMMEDIATE APPROVALS: 24-0173

At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners on 4/16/2024, a motion was made by Kevin Anderson, seconded by Debbie Goettel, that this Immediate Approvals be adopt. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 children and young people are currently in foster care in Hennepin County; and

WHEREAS, foster care is temporary, and our goal is to safely reunify families whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month is an initiative of the Children's Bureau each May; and

WHEREAS, our community needs foster homes that affirm and reflect each unique child, including racial, cultural, and LGBTQ+ identities; and

WHEREAS, both relative and nonrelative foster parents support Hennepin County's mission to promote the safety, stability, healthy development, and well-being of our youngest residents; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County children, parents, and foster providers benefit from supportive relationships and collaborative parenting in the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, 72% of all days Hennepin County children spent in foster care were spent with a relative or kin, demonstrating the strength of families in our community and the county's commitment to placement with relatives; and

WHEREAS, it takes many people to surround kids with love and stability during childhood, and foster providers, youth organizations, professionals, volunteers, and partners are instrumental in supporting children's well-being; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May 2024 as National Foster Care Month, with special gratitude to the relative and nonrelative foster providers who give so much to care for children and families in our community.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 4/16/2024

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

Aye: 4 Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: 2 Commissioner Fernando, and Commissioner Lunde

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