

## RESOLUTION

### Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

#### RESOLUTION: 25-0204

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At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Conley, and seconded by Commissioner Fernando, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 children and young people are currently in foster care in Hennepin County, demonstrating the need in our community for foster homes that affirm and reflect each unique child, including racial, cultural, and LGBTQ+ identities; and

WHEREAS, foster care is temporary, and our goal is to safely reunify families whenever possible. Both relative and non-relative foster parents support Hennepin County's mission to promote the safety, stability, healthy development, and well-being of our youngest residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, 86% of all Hennepin County children who exited foster care were in the care of their families, relatives or kin, demonstrating the strength of families in our community and the county's commitment to placement with relatives; and

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

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

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners proclaims May 2025 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.

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 5/6/2025

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

**Aye:** 7 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

**Maria Rose**

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