

*Office of the Mayor*  
**Arkansas City, Kansas**  
*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, **May** is National Foster Care Month, a month set aside to acknowledge foster parents, family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other members of the community who help children and youth in foster care to find permanent homes and connections; and

**WHEREAS**, during National Foster Care Month, the City of Arkansas City renews its commitment to ensuring a bright future for the more than 400,000 children and youth in foster care, and celebrates all of those who make a meaningful difference in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, foster families are unsung heroes who serve as the primary source of love, protection, and support to the children and youth in the foster care system in Cowley County; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous individuals, and public and private organizations, who work tirelessly to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and recognize that the foster care system is only as good as those who choose to be a part of it.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, calls upon all citizens of Arkansas City to observe the month of **May 2023** as

**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**

in Arkansas City and encourage all citizens of the City of Arkansas City to consider extending their family to include fostering some of our most vulnerable children.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

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*Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor  
Date: April 18, 2023*