

Proclamation

Foster Care Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the month of May is designated as National Foster Care Month. As declared by the U. S. House and Senate in 1988 and serves as an outlet to increase public awareness of an ongoing issue occurring in every city across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the nation's foster care system is in crisis with over 391,000 children and youth in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Day remains an important occasion that celebrates caregivers and the system that makes foster care possible. Foster care refers to a system in which children who do not have appropriate guardians are placed in a home or with private caregivers who function as state-appointed guardians, often on a short-term basis.; and

WHEREAS, we recognize in Henderson County that roughly 135 adolescents are in the foster care system in Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, Henderson County Foster Parent Association is a local non-profit whose mission is to strengthening foster and kinship families through support, training, public awareness, communication, and advocacy with the aim of nurturing child safety, well-being and stability; and

WHEREAS, an effort is being made by the community of Henderson County Foster Parent Association in raising awareness of this need and by attending a "Fostering Together" Event May 2nd at the Historic Courthouse on Main Street in Downtown Hendersonville in an effort to draw attention and support for youth in the foster care system in Henderson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Volk, Mayor of the City of Hendersonville, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023 as "Foster Care Awareness Month" in the City of Hendersonville and applaud the efforts of those who serve our youth in the foster care system of Henderson County.

PROCLAIMED this 4th day of May, 2023.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Jill Murray, City Clerk