



CITY OF JONESBORO

Proclamation

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, children and youth in foster care deserve safety, stability, and the opportunity to thrive; and

WHEREAS, more than 390,000 children nationwide are in foster care, each with unique strengths, dreams, and potential; and

WHEREAS, foster parents, kinship caregivers, caseworkers, advocates, and community partners play a vital role in providing love, support, and guidance to children experiencing separation from their families; and

WHEREAS, the challenges faced by children in foster care—including trauma, disrupted education, and instability - require a coordinated community response grounded in compassion and commitment; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Awareness Month provides an opportunity to recognize the dedication of caregivers, highlight the needs of children and families, and encourage all residents to support efforts that strengthen families and promote permanency.

WHEREAS, Mayor Donya L. Sartor is a foster care parent and understands firsthand the importance of stable, nurturing homes and the lasting impact that supportive caregivers and community resources can have on children in foster care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as **Foster Care Awareness Month**, in the City of Jonesboro and encourage all residents to learn about foster care, support foster families, and work together to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of May, 2026.

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA**

BY: _____
Dr. Donya L. Sartor, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shandrella Jewett, City Clerk