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Proclaiming May 2026 as National Foster Care Month

Each May, National Foster Care Month is celebrated to bring awareness to the needs of youth in the foster care system and to recognize the significant contributions of resource parents, family members, extended families, and other community members who support foster care youth with reunification efforts, permanent housing, and building lifelong connections. This May, Foster Care Month is celebrated with the theme of “Engaging Youth, Building Supports, Strengthening Opportunities” to raise awareness of the goals to help youth exit foster care with strengthened lifelong relationships and opportunities for success.

The Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is committed to ensuring safety, well-being, and a sense of permanence for the more than 9,600 youth in County care. DCFS welcomes individuals and families — regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, marital or domestic partnership status, medical or disability status — to open their homes to children/youth in foster care. Resource Parents for sibling groups, teenagers, young adults and children with medical needs are especially needed. The County continues to

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expand the availability of resource family homes to meet the needs of foster care youth through dedicated organizations, like Foster Family Agencies.

The County utilizes strong partnerships with various community and faith-based organizations to complete this work. Local community colleges open their campuses for various events and training to include specialized training opportunities to help children and youth heal from trauma. By working with local and community partners, we establish a powerful network of agents for change in support of home-based family care for children and youth.

This year, we celebrate National Foster Care Month as a “Call to Action”, to engage others in our community to support our local child welfare agency and its endeavors to meet the needs of children and families in Los Angeles County.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim the month of May 2026 as Foster Care Month in Los Angeles County;
2. Encourage families and other members of the community to consider the benefits and rewards of becoming a resource or adoptive parent by visiting www.FosterLAKids.org and www.JuntosconlosNinos.org; and
3. Encourage the public to call (888) 811-1121 to learn more about foster care and to get details on attending an upcoming resource parent recruitment orientation.

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