



*Fremont County*  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
*Proclamation*

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*Whereas*, Foster Care Awareness month is celebrated nationally each May to raise awareness regarding foster care and to encourage increased community involvement as foster families, volunteers, or mentors; and

*Whereas*, there are numerous individual, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care; and

*Whereas*, children are the key to Colorado's future success, prosperity, and quality of life; and

*Whereas*, children have a right to thrive, learn and grow; and

*Whereas*, the Human Services Agency oversees the children and youth in foster care in Fremont County with the goal of ensuring safety, permanency and well-being of children in Fremont County; and

*Whereas*, those who have wholeheartedly committed to the welfare of the children in foster care despite all of its legal, economic and social challenges continue to fight to protect the rights of children and improve their outcomes; and

*Whereas*, Colorado is experiencing an acute shortage of foster families and is in need of families willing to care for teens, children with complex behavioral and mental health needs, and sibling groups; and

*Whereas*, we must recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and

*Whereas*, foster parents provide the love, safety and stability that young children need in order to overcome past traumatic experiences in order to reach their full potential; and

*Whereas*, we all play a role in ensuring Fremont County's children are healthy and safe and are able to reach their full potential.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That*, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Fremont, State of Colorado, proclaims the month of May, 2024 as

*"Foster Care Month"*

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Kevin Grantham, District 1 Commissioner

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Debbie Bell, District 2 Commissioner

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Dwayne McFall, District 3 Commissioner