

## RESOLUTION

### ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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INITIATED BY



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#### To Recognize Rock County Foster Families

**WHEREAS**, the family, serving as the primary source of love, learning, self-esteem and nurturing, is the very foundation of our communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, being a Foster Parent requires specialized training, the ability to work cooperatively with families of origin and service providers, and personal qualities which include: flexibility, tolerance, patience, humor and an understanding of the unique challenges of working within the child welfare system; and,

**WHEREAS**, being a Foster Parent requires being a support to the entire family and not just a substitute for parents or caregivers, while working towards reunification and continuing to be a support following reunification; and,

**WHEREAS**, in Rock County there are approximately 111 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home by a Foster Family or Relative Care Provider; and,

**WHEREAS**, 68 licensed Rock County Foster and Relative Care Families, who open their homes and hearts to children and families who are in crisis, play a vital role in helping them heal and reunify or launching children into successful adulthood; and,

**WHEREAS**, Foster Families also often offer permanency through adoption or guardianship to foster children in the event they cannot return to their family of origin, resulting in a continuous need for more Foster Families; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to recognize the significance of Foster Families in our county for their dedication to the families and children of Rock County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 11th day of May, 2023, does hereby recognize Rock County Foster Families for the dedicated and compassionate service they provide.

#### Committee Action

##### Human Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Citizen Representative Hoffman was absent.