

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY



Jamie Proctor
DRAFTED BY

Human Service Board
SUBMITTED BY

April 20, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

TO RECOGNIZE ROCK COUNTY FOSTER FAMILIES

1 **WHEREAS**, the family, serving as the primary source of love, learning, self-esteem and
2 nurturing, is the very foundation of our communities; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, being a Foster Parent requires specialized training, the ability to work
5 cooperatively with service providers and families of origin, and personal qualities which
6 include: flexibility, tolerance, patience, humor and an understanding of the unique challenges
7 of working within the child welfare system; and,
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9 **WHEREAS**, being a Foster Parent requires being a support to the entire family and not just a
10 substitute for parents or caregivers, while working towards reunification and continuing to be
11 a support following reunification,
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13 **WHEREAS**, in Rock County there are more than 153 children and youth in foster care being
14 provided with a safe, secure and stable home due to the compassion and nurturing of a Foster
15 Family or Relative Care Provider; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, 87 licensed Rock County Foster and Relative Care Families, who open their
18 homes and hearts to children and families who are in crisis, play a vital role in helping them
19 heal and reunify or launching children into successful adulthood; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, Foster Families also frequently adopt and offer permanency to foster children,
22 resulting in a continuous need for more Foster Families; and,
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24 **WHEREAS**, there are numerous individuals, and public and private organizations who work
25 to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care, in addition to,
26 the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as
27 good as those who choose to be a part of it; and,
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29 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County,
30 wishes to recognize the significance of Foster Families in our county for their dedication to the
31 families and children of Rock County.
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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly
34 assembled this 13th day of May, 2021, does hereby recognize Rock County
35 Foster Families for the dedicated and compassionate service they provide.
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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish
38 a copy of this resolution to the Rock County Foster Care Unit Supervisor for sharing with
39 Licensed Rock County Foster Families and with staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Human Services Board

absent
Brian Knudson, Chair

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Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Vice-Chair

/s/Pam Bostwick
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/s/Ashley Hoffman
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/s/Kaelyb Lokrantz
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/s/J. Russell Podzilni
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/s/Angelina Reyes
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/s/Kathy Schulz
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