RESOLUTION 2019 - 90

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMING MAY 2019 AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, children are key to our community's future success and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to thrive, learn and grow in a safe and loving environment; and

WHEREAS, providing a stable, secure and nurturing home is
one of the greatest gifts a child can receive; and

WHEREAS, foster care encompasses relative, nonrelative, and licensed foster care homes to care for our children when their birthparents are unable to; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County foster parents are caring for and nurturing more than eight-five children and youth in foster care today; and

WHEREAS, there are one hundred fifteen children currently under supervision of Family Support Services to ensure they are getting the care they need to reach their full potential; and

whereas, we must come together as a community to recognize the import role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification; and building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with families, child welfare

staff, and public and private agencies, there is a collaborative effort to ensure that children are supported and successful.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 13th day of May, 2019 that:

- 1. The Board hereby proclaims the month of May 2019 as "National Foster Care Month", in Nassau County, Florida.
- 2. The Board recognizes the extraordinary love and warmth of our foster parents, case workers, guardian adlitem, and concerned professionals who play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect and who launch children into successful adulthood.
- 3. The Board commends local foster families, social workers, and other child welfare professionals who are improving the lives of young people in foster care across our county.
- 4. The Board calls upon all Nassau County residents to observe this month by taking time to help youth in foster care and pay tribute to the dedicated foster parents and professionals who tirelessly work to shape their lives.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

JUSTIN M. TAYLOR Its: Chairman

ATTEST AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

MICHAEL S. MULLIN