

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: May 9, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2016 AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: May 4, 2016
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2016 AS
FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, over 400,000 American children are in foster care because their own families are in crisis and unable to provide for their essential well-being; and

WHEREAS, foster families, who open their homes and hearts and offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families to heal and reconnect and in launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in Forsyth County, there were 174 children and youth in foster care on April 1, 2016 being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and support of a foster family; and

WHEREAS, the needs of the foster care population results in a greater call for skilled foster families, community resources and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County foster care system depends on the active support and involvement of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Family and Children's Division of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services has demonstrated progressive social work practice for youth in foster care through the implementation of the North Carolina Division of Social Services Fostering Health and Trauma Informed Care initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Department of Social Services is joined by numerous individuals and public and private organizations working to increase awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS, the Forsyth County Department of Social Services acknowledges that the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it, therefore, partnerships on the state, county, and community levels are critical to the success of the foster care "system".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of May 2016 as Foster Care Awareness Month in Forsyth County and encourages the people of Forsyth County to come forward and do something positive that will help raise hope and foster dreams of children and youth in foster care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby spread upon the minutes of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and that a copy shall be presented to the Forsyth County Department of Social Services.

Adopted this 9th day of May 2016.