



**Proclaim Month of May 2018
As
Foster Care Month**

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

WHEREAS, in Wake County there are over 650 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; 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 heal and reconnect, and in launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a continual need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, public, and private organizations are committed to efforts to ensure children's safety permanence and well-being.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim May 2018, as ***"National Foster Care Month"*** in Wake County and urges citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children and youth in foster care.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of May 2018.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners