

# CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## AGENDA ITEM

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**Petitioner:** Jill Marano, Director Clark County Family Services

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**Recommendation:**

**Present a proclamation to Foster Change and proclaim May 2024 as National Foster Care Awareness Month as we celebrate the importance of children, family, and community in Southern Nevada.**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	N/A		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

**BACKGROUND:**

Commissioner McCurdy II and Commissioner Gibson have requested an agenda item to present a proclamation to Foster Change and proclaim May 2024 as National Foster Care Awareness Month as we celebrate the importance of children, family, and community in Southern Nevada.

May is National Foster Care Month and is a time to appreciate and recognize the important role that our foster and kinship caregivers play in supporting babies, children, teens, and sibling groups while they are temporarily in foster care. In Clark County, there is a daily average of 3000 children in foster care. Almost half live with relative or fictive kinship caregivers who have unexpectedly taken on the role of parenting their relative's child(ren). Children that are not able to stay with kinship caregivers most likely live with a traditionally licensed foster caregiver.

Foster Change, a local 501c3 nonprofit organization, serves the community as the official Foster, Kinship, and Adoptive Family Association of Nevada. Since 2016 Foster Change has worked towards the empowerment of all foster, kinship, and adoptive families, through support that enables happy, healthy children to grow in happy, healthy environments. The mission of Foster Change is to be the voice of foster, adoptive, and kinship parents and advocate for local and state policy improvements to serve children better.

Clark County Family Services is privileged to work in partnership with Foster Change to help ensure that children have safe and loving homes while they are temporarily in foster care. Clark County Family Services continually recruits for more foster parents and is extremely grateful for all of the current foster parents who help families and children heal and reunify.

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