

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Tim Burch, Administrator of Human Services

Recommendation:

Proclaim May 2022 as National Foster Care Awareness Month and present a proclamation to Foster Change as we celebrate the importance of children, family and community in Southern Nevada.

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:

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month - a time to recognize the role each of us play in the lives of children and youth in foster care. Across the country, hundreds of community events designed to help retain, recruit and support critically needed foster, kinship and adoptive parents are being held. Many of the efforts are focused on providing support to foster, kinship and adoptive children and assisting children aging out of foster care.

The Department of Family Services currently has approximately 850 licensed foster and kinship families to provide a temporary, loving and nurturing home to more than 3,400 children in Clark County.

Foster Change is the local non-profit created to provide an official Foster, Kinship and Adoptive Family association of Southern Nevada. They are committed to the empowerment of these hardworking and dedicated families and to their success as caregivers. Founded in 2015 Foster Change offers the caregiving families wrap-around support by providing them with training, learning opportunities, connection to tangible resources, offering extensive support networks, empowerment through legislative and community advocacy, providing fun, family sized events, and by creating a community that acts as a village.

Commissioner McCurdy would like to proclaim May 2022 as National Foster Care Awareness Month and present a proclamation to Foster Change as we celebrate the importance of children, family and community in Southern Nevada.

Cleared for Agenda

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