

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in Oregon there are over 6,000 children and youth in family foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family, and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives, and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood, and

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

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Paul J. De Muniz and Governor Ted Kulongoski signed the "Safe and Equitable Foster Care Reduction Partnership Declaration" in 2010, along with Casey Family Programs, to emphasize the importance of maintaining or creating lifelong family connections for every child in Oregon, and

WHEREAS, the Oregon Judicial Department Citizen Review Board, recipient of the 2009 Governor's Award for Outstanding Statewide Volunteer Program, is a program providing a citizen voice for the safety, stability, and supervision of children in foster care through impartial case review and advocacy, and is composed of citizens shaping public policy and actively promoting conditions to ensure every child lives in a safe, secure, healthy, and permanent home, preserving families whenever possible, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations working to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care; as well as the enduring and valuable contributions of foster parents, and the foster care "system" which is only as good as those who choose to be involved,

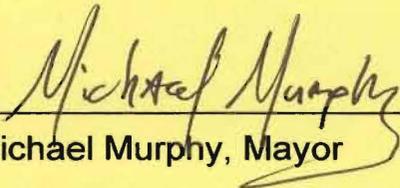
NOW ,THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, Michael Murphy, Mayor of the City of Grants Pass, on behalf of the City Council, does hereby proclaim the month of May, 2012 to be

"FOSTER CARE MONTH"

In the City of Grants Pass and urge all citizens to come forward and provide something positive by helping change the lives of children and youth in foster care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of May, 2012.




Michael Murphy, Mayor

*Before the Board of County Commissioners
for Josephine County
STATE OF OREGON*

*In the Matter of Proclaiming the
Month of May 2012 as
Foster Care Month*



- Whereas,* In Oregon there are over 6,000 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,* All young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and
- Whereas,* Foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and
- Whereas,* Dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and
- Whereas,* There are numerous individuals, public and private organizations working to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care; as well as the enduring and valuable contributions of foster parent, and the foster care "system" which is only as good as those who choose to be involved.

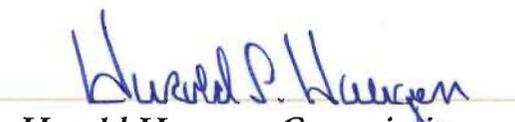
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Josephine County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the Month of May 2012, as **FOSTER CARE MONTH** in Josephine County and urges all citizens to come forward and provide something positive by helping change the lives of children and youth in foster care.

Done and Dated this 2nd Day of May, 2012

JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


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