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Proclamation Recognizing National Foster Care Month

WHEREAS, all children deserve and benefit from enduring, positive relationships with caring adults, especially when their own families are in crisis and unable to provide for their essential well-being; and

WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care Month and on any given day, about 850 children are living in out-of-home care in El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, there is always a need for foster families, and it is a priority to keep siblings together and in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, children in foster care require secure, stable places to call home until they can either safely reunite with their parents or establish other lifelong family relationships; and

WHEREAS, the immeasurable and ongoing gifts of time and caring given by foster families in El Paso County are greatly appreciated and deserve public thanks; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services works in partnership with our local Child Placement Agency network, involved families and extended families, schools, faith and civic organizations, law enforcement and the judiciary toward the goal of positively affecting the lives of children in foster care; and

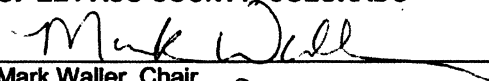
WHEREAS, efforts continue to strengthen families and connect vulnerable children with concerned citizens who, as foster parents, mentors, and advocates, will help them to thrive on their way to adulthood and successfully navigate changes, especially during this global health crisis.

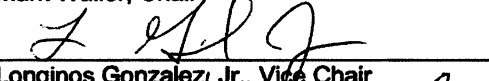
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby applauds the community's efforts to help children living in foster care to build brighter futures by honoring our citizens who serve as foster parents or relative caregivers, and hereby proclaims the month of May as Foster Care Appreciation Month in El Paso County.

DONE THIS 19th day of May 2020 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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