



# Proclamation Recognizing Foster, Kinship, and Adoptive Families

Resolution No. 24-250

**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,** foster families, kinship families, and adoptive families and those who work with these families each have a dedicated month to highlight their commitment to the children in their care, but they all focus on the wellbeing of the most vulnerable every day of the year; and

**WHEREAS,** any given day, about 610 children are living in out-of-home care in El Paso County; and

**WHEREAS,** the El Paso County Department of Human Services (DHS) placement team, on average, completes 88 placements of children, youths, and sibling groups each month, with most searches successfully leading to placement with foster or kin; and

**WHEREAS,** DHS has completed 491 adoptions for children in foster care or kinship care over the last five years and, of those, 226 were kin or kin-like adoptions; and

**WHEREAS,** the El Paso County Department of Human Services has a primary responsibility to assure the safety of children and to strengthen families, and improve the overall quality of life in our community; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Board of El Paso County Commissioners hereby recognizes County staff and community partners who work with families and honors our region's kinship, foster, and adoptive families who have opened their hearts and homes to provide love and stability for the youngest members of our society, helping them grow into successful adults and building the future of El Paso County.

**DONE THIS 25<sup>th</sup>** day of June 2024 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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