



Pender County Board of Commissioners Proclamation of May as Foster Care Month

WHEREAS, currently there are 10,266 children of all ages in the North Carolina foster care system;
and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to provide these children with safe, stable and nurturing family environments; and

WHEREAS, every day, citizens choose to become foster parents and open their homes, hearts and lives to these children; and

WHEREAS, there were 1,161 children adopted from foster care last fiscal year in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, foster parents frequently adopt their foster children, which results in a continual need for additional foster families; and

WHEREAS, numerous individuals, communities, public and private organizations in efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of foster children; celebrate the contributions of foster parents and child welfare professionals who volunteer their time, energy and talents on behalf of children in foster care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that May 2016 to be recognized as “**Foster Care Month**” in Pender County and that all residents and other jurisdictions are encouraged to become more aware of the foster care program in North Carolina and join in the celebration of Foster Care Month.

ADOPTED this, 16th day of May, 2016.

Pender County, North Carolina

George Brown, Chair

Attest:

Clerk to the Board