



PROCLAMATION

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FOSTER CARE MONTH

WHEREAS, the family is our most important resource for providing Virginia's children with love, dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 4,700 children and youth in foster care in our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, every child in foster care deserves the security and opportunity for growth that a family can provide; and

WHEREAS, a child's success is best supported in a system that is family-focused, child-centered, and community-based; and

WHEREAS, foster, adoptive and kinship parents provide Arlington's children with the opportunity to be part of a caring family and help them reconnect with their families through reunification, permanent placement with relatives, or preparation for adoption; and

WHEREAS, through the partnerships among foster, adoptive and kinship parents, child welfare staff, and public and private child-serving organizations, efforts are made to ensure that children are safe and their voices are heard as we work for the success of every child;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Libby Garvey, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as

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in Arlington County, and I call this observance to the attention of all our residents.

Libby Garvey
Chair