



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, families are the very foundation of communities in our state, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support for children; and

WHEREAS, in Alabama, approximately 5,800 foster children and youth reside in the safe and stable homes of compassionate and nurturing foster families; and

WHEREAS, foster families open their hearts and their homes to children and youth whose families are in crisis, offering a source of hope and healing in the aftermath of trauma; and

WHEREAS, approximately seventy percent of foster children and youth return to their biological families when it is safe to do so; and

WHEREAS, many foster families choose to adopt foster children and youth who are in the permanent custody of the state, creating a great need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes the valuable partnerships of many agencies and organizations that raise awareness about foster children and the foster families who graciously serve this vulnerable population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2023, as

National Foster Care Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 4th day of May 2023.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor