RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster INITIATED BY

<u>Human Service Board</u> SUBMITTED BY



Cheri Salava DRAFTED BY

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TO RECOGNIZE ROCK COUNTY FOSTER FAMILIES

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, learning, self-esteem and nurturing, is the very foundation of our communities; and,

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WHEREAS, being a Foster Parent requires specialized training, the ability to work cooperatively with service providers, and personal qualities which include: flexibility, tolerance, patience, humor and an understanding of the unique challenges of working within the child welfare system; and,

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WHEREAS, in Rock County there are more than 159 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home due to the compassion and nurturing of a Foster Family or Relative Care Provider; and,

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WHEREAS, 65 Rock County Foster and Relative Care Families, who open their homes and hearts to children and families who are in crisis, play a vital role in helping them heal and reunify or launching children into successful adulthood; and,

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WHEREAS, Foster Families also frequently adopt and offer permanency to foster children, resulting in a continuous need for more Foster Families; and,

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21 22 WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, and public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care, in addition to, the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be a part of it; and,

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WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to recognize the significance of Foster Families in our county for their dedication to the families and children of Rock County.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Rock County Foster Care Unit Supervisor for sharing with Licensed Rock County Foster Families and with staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

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