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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CELEBRATE "NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH IN MAY" IN LAKE COUNTY

PAINESVILLE, OH, May 5, 2022 - May is recognized nationally as Foster Parent Appreciation Month. The Lake County Department of Job and Family Services is proud to recognize and express appreciation for the 44 licensed foster homes in our county.

Foster parents are ordinary people who do extraordinary things for children in our community. Foster parents provide comfort, understanding and safety to children who have oftentimes experienced trauma.

May is a time to recognize these unsung heroes in our community. "Foster parenting can be challenging, and foster parents deserve our support and recognition each and every day. We are extremely grateful to our foster parents who do their best to create stable, safe and healthy environments for children to grow and thrive," said Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar.

The Lake County Department of Job and Family Services' foster parents are fortunate to receive continued support and recognition from the Lake County Commissioners each May and this year has been no different. During their May 5, 2022, meeting, the Lake County Commissioners graciously passed a resolution declaring May 2022 as National Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

"Not only today, but every day, we must come together as a community to recognize the important role foster parents play by providing safe and stable homes for Lake County children and youth in need," said Commission President John Hamercheck.

"We recognize and celebrate Foster Parents for the essential role they play in the healing, development and success of the children and youth in their care," said Commissioner John Plecnik. "I've said it before, and I will say it again, Foster Parents are saints who building families for children in need."

The Lake County Department of Job and Family Services is always in need of new foster parents! There is a specific need for foster parents who are able to provide a caring environment for children until they are able to return home; able to accept children as they are; stay at home parents who can provide care to a child under six weeks of age; able to parent a sibling group of two or more children; willing to parent teenagers. Research shows that the healthiest environment for a child who has been separated from his or her family is in another family. The more foster parents we have in our community increases the likelihood that children will be reunified with their families. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, please contact the Lake County Foster Care and Adoption Hotline at 440-350-4218.

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