

May is National Foster Care Month

Sample Proclamation

WHEREAS, we all have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members, and citizens of **(Your City/Town)** to help create, healthy, nurturing and safe experiences for children; and

WHEREAS, National Foster Care Month, is a time to reflect on the foster caregivers and child welfare professionals who are dedicated to keep children safe from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, foster care families who open their homes to children and make a positive difference in their lives deserve respect, devotion, and support in their communities; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for more families to volunteer in the foster care system to serve the more than 10,000 children and youth in NJ who are unable to remain at home, through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs have a record of public service protecting the safety and well-being of New Jersey's foster children; and

WHEREAS, each year, men and women of all backgrounds, are appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of foster children, in court and other settings, as CASA volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I **(Name/Title)** do hereby proclaim May, 2019 as Foster Care Month in **(Your Community)** and I urge all citizens to support organizations, such as CASA of NJ, and engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children have the benefit of happy, healthy and safe homes.

Signed this **X** day of 2019 **(Name/Title)**

