

# Proclamation

## Foster Care Month May 2022

**WHEREAS**, there are nearly 60,000 California children and youth in foster care who need and deserve safe, permanent connections to loving adults, a stable home, and adequate preparation for a secure future; and

**WHEREAS**, the needs of children and youth for belonging and unconditional emotional commitment are best met in families; and

**WHEREAS**, Redwood City supports permanent family connections for foster youth, provided support for families at risk of entering the child welfare system, and changed practices to fully engage youth, family, and communities, thereby reducing the number of children in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, Redwood City recognizes the enduring and valuable contribution of relatives and foster and adoptive parents who open their hearts, families, and homes to vulnerable children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Redwood City recognizes the numerous individuals and public and private organizations that work to ensure that the needs of children and youth living in, and leaving, foster care are met, that help provide foster and former foster children and youth with vital connections to their siblings, and that help launch young people into successful adulthood; and


**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has created unique challenges for children and youth in foster care, including widening the gap in education achievement and mental health support services; and


**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the entire community to make sure that each youth who leaves the foster care system in California has a permanent lifelong connection with a caring adult. Redwood City is committed to working in partnership to improve the lives and futures of all children and youth touched by the child welfare system.


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, GISELLE HALE, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as FOSTER CARE MONTH in Redwood City and encourage all people to observe this day in recognizing the stability and permanency for children and foster children is of the utmost importance.**


Date: May 23, 2022




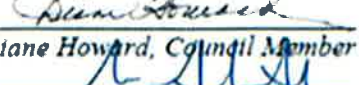
  
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