



## **National Foster Care Month Proclamation – May 2023**

**WHEREAS**, strengthening families and focusing on their wellbeing is vital to building strong communities, and preserving families is the primary goal of the child welfare system; and

**WHEREAS**, foster parents play an important role in supporting biological parents and helping them enhance their relationship with their children to achieve family stability and maintain family connections in support of family reunification; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 424,000 youth in foster care across the nation, and foster families open their homes to provide a stable, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, we have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members, and residents to recognize that all children need love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

**WHEREAS**, during **National Foster Care Month** we celebrate all those who have invited a child in need into their hearts and homes and express our profound appreciation for those who make foster care possible;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Kevin Hedgpeth, Chair of the City of Hanahan, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

### **Foster Care and Foster Family Recognition Month**

in the City of Hanahan and I urge all residents to volunteer their time and talents on behalf of children in foster care and to support and recognize the commitment of foster families and professional staff who work with these children and youth.

Duly done this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

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*Christie Rainwater, Mayor*

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*Emily Huff, Clerk of Council*