



Mayoral Proclamation

2021 FOSTER CARE RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, we have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, and community members to recognize that all children need love, support, security and a place to call home; 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 must come together as a community to recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or loss, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and

WHEREAS, during National Care Recognition 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, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, hereby proclaim May as Foster Care Recognition Month in Takoma Park and urge all residents to support and recognize the commitment of foster parents who care for and support these children and youth.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Stewart", is written over a horizontal line.

**Kate Stewart
Mayor**