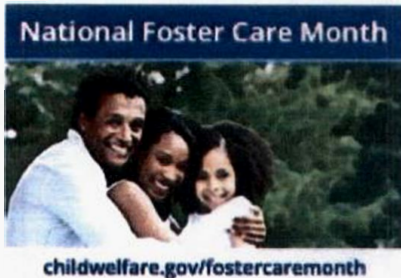


SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to authorize the chair to sign Resolution #2021-6, Proclamation for National Foster Care Month, May 2021.

**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH 2021**  
**Honoring, Uniting and Celebrating Families**



**Foster Care Month May 2021**

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State, and

WHEREAS, in Cass County there are approximately 235 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family, and

WHEREAS, foster families, who open their homes and hearts and give hope to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect, and launching children into successful adulthood, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents, and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be part of it,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chad Peterson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as *Chair of the Board of Cass County Commissioners* do hereby proclaim May of 2021 as FOSTER CARE MONTH in Cass County and urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a *lifetime* for children and youth in foster care.

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Date

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Chad Peterson, Chairman  
Cass County Commission

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National Foster Care Month is a partnership of Casey Family Programs; the Annie E. Casey Foundation/Casey Family Services; Black Administrators in Child Welfare; Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Child Welfare League of America ; Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative; APHSA/National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators; National Association of Social Workers ; National Association of State Foster Care Managers; National CASA; National Foster Care Coalition; the National Foster Parent Association; and the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning at the Hunter College School of Social Work, a Service of the Children's Bureau.

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