NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH 2023

Honoring, Uniting, and Celebrating Families RESOLUTION #2023-04

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 260 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 2023 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.

Date	Chad Peterson, Chairman
	Cass County Commission

<u>SUGGESTED MOTION:</u> Move to authorize the chair to sign Resolution #2023-04, Proclamation for National Foster Care Month, May 2023.