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PROCLAMATION  
FOSTER CARE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, more than 16,000 children and youth are in foster care in Ohio; and whereas, Carroll County has 14 children and youth placed out of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 4,000 of those children are placed with kinship caregivers, who play a vital role in nurturing family connections. Carroll County has 3 placed with kinship caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 7,500 certified foster families in Ohio have committed to providing a temporary home for children who cannot safely remain with their primary families. Carroll County has licensed 3 homes with 2 homes that are currently pending; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated and diverse kinship and foster families provide lifelong love and support for children to increase positive outcomes for them and ensure that their voices are heard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Carroll County Job & Family Services and other public and private child caring organizations work diligently to ensure that Ohio's children have temporary or permanent safe and loving homes; and

**WHEREAS**, "It's All Relative: Supporting Kinship Connections" is the national theme for Foster Care Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, We, Robert Wirkner, Lewis Mickley, and Jeff Ohler, Commissioners of Carroll County, do hereby recognize May 2018 as **FOSTER CARE MONTH** throughout the County and encourage everyone in our community to continue to provide crucial assistance, awareness, and resources.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF CARROLL COUNTY

*Absent*

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Robert E. Wirkner, President

  
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Lewis A. Mickley, Vice President

  
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Jeffrey L. Ohler, Commissioner