



***HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING MAY 2025 AS  
“NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH”***

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Luis Obispo is committed to ensuring all children have safe, stable, and loving homes when they cannot remain with their biological families; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 420,000 children nationwide, including over 28,000 in California, are currently in the foster care system; and

**WHEREAS**, over 200 children and youth in the County of San Luis Obispo are in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Social Services continues to actively recruit more resource families to ensure children have nurturing homes in which they can heal, grow, and thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, National Foster Care Month recognizes the critical role of resource families in providing nurturing, stable homes and highlights the ongoing need for more families to support local children; and

**WHEREAS**, this month-long effort which is mirrored across all 50 states and the District of Columbia, celebrates resource families and encourages more individuals to positively impact a child's life through foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Luis Obispo proclaimed May as “National Foster Care Month”.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim May as “**National Foster Care Month**” in the City of Arroyo Grande and encourage all residents to join in raising awareness and supporting foster care and resource families in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

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**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**

