



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING MAY 2022 AS
"NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH"**

WHEREAS, the County of San Luis Obispo recognizes the importance of providing children safe, healthy and loving homes when they are unable to remain in the home of their biological family; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 430,000 children in the United States in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, more than 60,000 children in California are in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, there are over 350 children, youth, and teenagers in the County of San Luis Obispo who are in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, to help these children have a healthy, loving and stable home environment where they can thrive and feel connected to a community that cares for them, and to support the resource families that provide these critical homes, the County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services has acknowledged National Foster Care Month to raise awareness about the need for more resource family homes in our county for local children and join other organizations to celebrate resource families in our community; and

WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar celebrations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, will offer children the chance to live with healthy, loving and stable resource families when they cannot live with their birth families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through resource family care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May as "**National Foster Care Month**" and in so doing, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of foster care and resource family care.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 26th day of April 2022.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

