

**PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING
“MAY AS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH”**

WHEREAS, every May, we renew our commitment to ensuring that all youth in foster care have the love, support, and resources they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, we also celebrate the families who provide safe and loving homes for our foster children. We also share our appreciation for the dedicated volunteers and professionals who help our foster youth find permanent homes; and

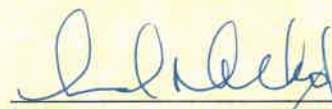
WHEREAS, in Lewis County there are currently 11 children in foster care, and 16 families are certified to provide caring, safe and nurturing homes for children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of foster care is to provide safe, secure, and stable homes through the compassion and nurturing of a foster or kinship family; and

WHEREAS, many foster families create permanency for children and youth through adoption, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care month is an opportunity to encourage individuals and families to volunteer their time, energy, and talents on behalf of children in foster care and their biological families, kinship caregivers, and foster parents during this month and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators do hereby proclaim May 2023 as “National Foster Care Month” in Lewis County, NY and encourage all people in the county to join in an effort to raise public awareness of the need for additional qualified foster families to offer support to our existing caregivers.



Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman
Lewis County Board of Legislators
Dated: May 2, 2023

