

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

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the very foundation of our communities; and


WHEREAS, there are more than 369,000 children and youth in foster care across the nation and 13 in Lewis County; who are currently separated from their families and deserve a safe, supportive, and loving environment; and

WHEREAS, foster parents, kin caregivers, and social professionals work tirelessly to provide safe, loving homes and essential support to children in crisis, offering them a sense of belonging and hope; and

WHEREAS, supporting foster children, their foster families, and their biological families can change generations, break cycles of abuse, and strengthen our community; and

WHEREAS, we must recognize that a nurturing and stable environment is a fundamental right for every child and that we all have a role to play in supporting youth in foster care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman of the Lewis County Board of Legislators do hereby proclaim May 2026 as “National Foster Care Month” in Lewis County, NY and call upon all citizens to observe this month by advocating for children in care, supporting foster families, and considering opening their hearts and homes to children in need.



Lawrence L. Dolhof, Chairman
Lewis County Board of Legislators
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