



Foster Care Month 2019 A Proclamation

WHEREAS, children are key to our community's future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to thrive, learn and grow in a safe and loving environment; and

WHEREAS, foster parents provide the love, safety and stability that children need in order to overcome past traumatic experiences in order to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Davidson County foster parents are caring for and nurturing more than 201 children and youth in foster care today; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as a community to recognize the important role foster parents play in caring for children who have experienced abuse and neglect, supporting family reunification and building strong communities; and

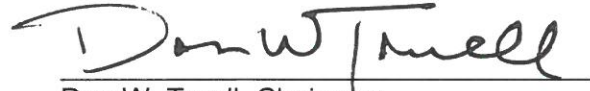
WHEREAS, there is always a need for more foster parents in order to ensure children – especially older youth, children with complex needs, and siblings – have a safe, stable home in their community; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with families, child welfare staff, and public and private agencies, there is a collaborative effort to ensure that children are supported and successful;

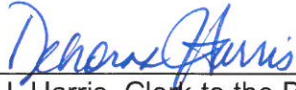
NOW, THEREFORE, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of **May 2019** as **Foster Care Month** in Davidson County.

This the 23rd day of April, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don W. Truell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Don W. Truell, Chairman
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deborah J. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Deborah J. Harris, Clerk to the Board