

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 2023 AS

## Foster Care Awareness Month

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**WHEREAS**, Foster Care Awareness month is celebrated nationally to raise awareness on foster care issues and to celebrate those who are dedicated to serving children, youth and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Services Agency’s Children and Family Services branch oversees the county’s foster youth services with the goal of ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of children, youth and families throughout San Mateo County; 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 despite all of its legal, economic and social challenges continue to fight to protect the rights of children and families to improve their life outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s theme, “Strengthening Minds, Uplifting Families,” focuses on the importance of mental health and wellness supports for families and foster youth of all ages to thrive using trauma-informed, culturally responsive approaches; and

**WHEREAS**, Children and Family Services, in partnership with youth leaders, established the Foster Youth Advisory Board as a youth-governed advising body where system-impacted youth can build community, be listened to, express themselves and make positive change; and

**WHEREAS**, the County recognizes the importance of including the perspectives of foster youth in decision-making structures and processes to ensure that local youth voices and lived experience expertise shape policies and practices that affect all youth experiencing out-of-home care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, State of California, does hereby recognize the contributions of the foster care community and designates May 2023 as Foster Care Awareness Month.

*Dated: May 23, 2023*

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