

Proclamation

WHEREAS, family is the foundation of any strong and healthy community. Families provide children with love, support, and stability, which are essential for their health development; and

WHEREAS, more than 391,000 American children and youth living in foster care deserve to grow up in safe and loving homes devoted to their health, happiness, and advancement; and

WHEREAS, in Florida there are more than 23,000 children waiting for their “forever home”; and

WHEREAS, despite the selflessness and service of loving foster parents across the country, children in foster care often face an uphill battle in achieving their full potential; and

WHEREAS every child deserves to grow up in a supportive, loving home where they can thrive and prosper. During those unfortunate times when children cannot remain safely in their own homes, the individuals and families who open their hearts and homes to foster children provide a vital service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships among kinship, foster and adoptive families, child welfare staff, and public and private child-serving organizations, efforts are made to ensure that voices are heard and support offered for youth at every step of their foster care journey, including helping young adults successfully transition to independence; and

WHEREAS, all citizens in the City of Margate are called upon 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, Anthony N. Caggiano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023, as

NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, the City of Margate calls upon all residents to observe this month by reaching out in their neighborhoods and communities to the children and youth in foster care and their families, to those at risk of entering foster care, and to kin families and other caregivers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 17th day of May 2023.



ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, MAYOR