



Office of the Mayor
Bryan S. Franklin
Foster Care Awareness Month Proclamation
May 2021
Town of Blythewood, South Carolina

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

WHEREAS, in South Carolina more than 4,000 children and youth in foster care have a safe, secure, and stable placement, many of those being with compassionate and nurturing foster families and kinship families; and

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a lasting, supportive presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, additional families are needed to open their homes and hearts to support children whose families are in crisis and play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect and in launching young people into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, currently, the greatest need for foster homes in South Carolina are ones to serve older youth and teenagers and foster families willing to take sibling groups; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Foster Care Awareness Month calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides children and youth with a safe, stable, and nurturing foster family until permanence can be achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor of the Town of Blythewood, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as **FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH** throughout the Town of Blythewood and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and honor foster families across the Palmetto State for their many contributions to the well-being of our children.

Bryan S. Franklin, Mayor

