

# ***PROCLAMATION***

## ***NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH***

***WHEREAS**, in 1988, the United States Congress, at the request of the National Foster Parent Association, introduced a resolution to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month in recognition of the critical contributions made by foster parents across the nation; and*

***WHEREAS**, every year National Foster Care Month provides an opportunity to celebrate foster youth and the people who provide them with love and support; and*

***WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois recognizes the importance of providing the most vulnerable children with the opportunities and resources they need to thrive, which can best be met by belonging in a family; and*

***WHEREAS**, all people have a responsibility to create an environment where every child can grow up safely and to support the best care possible for children when they cannot remain in their homes; and*


***WHEREAS**, Barrington is home to Let It Be Us, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and licensed Illinois child welfare agency since its inception in 2014; and*

***WHEREAS**, Let It Be Us is changing the landscape of foster care and adoption in Illinois through innovative programming with support from the Barrington area community; and*

***WHEREAS**, during the month of May, Barrington recognizes all those involved with foster care, including **Let It Be Us**, for their loyal and steadfast devotion to the safety, stability, and well-being of children and their families involved in the foster care system.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, do hereby recognize **MAY** as **NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**, and honor and celebrate the outstanding service and commitment that foster and adoptive families provide, and extend our great appreciation for the services that **Let It Be Us** provides to the community and beyond.*

*Dated this 24th day of April, 2023*



*Karen Darch  
Village President*