

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 792

WHEREAS, The observation of National Foster Care Month in May 2015 offers a fitting opportunity to recognize those selfless individuals who help children and youth in foster care find permanent homes and relationships; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1988, National Foster Care Month serves to raise awareness of the needs of foster children and to encourage individuals, agencies, and organizations to take an active role in the foster care system to ensure seamless support for the country's most vulnerable citizens; with the theme "Get to Know the Many Faces of Foster Care," this year's National Foster Care Month is highlighting the diversity of the children, youth, families, and professionals involved in the foster care system as well as the various forms that permanence for foster children can take: kinship care, guardianship, or lifelong personal connections through adoption; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there are nearly 400,000 minors in the United States foster care system and more than 30,000 in Texas; over half of the children in foster care return to their parents, but many others remain in the system, waiting an average of three years before being adopted; a significant percentage of those eligible for adoption age out of the system without ever finding a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, By taking foster children into their hearts as well as their homes, adoptive and foster parents are not only providing a safe, stable, and supportive environment for those children to grow up in but are also helping them to develop a sense of confidence and self-worth and hope for a brighter future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby recognize May 2015 as National Foster Care Month and extend profound appreciation to all who are engaged in providing care to foster children.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate