

WHEREAS, the month of May is Foster Care Awareness Month. Every year, thousands of abused, abandoned and neglected children enter foster care in both Miami-Dade and Monroe counties; and

WHEREAS, Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. was established in 2002 as a nonprofit Community Based Care (CBC) agency and began creating safe havens for children and families through foster care and adoption; and

WHEREAS, Our Kids provides a comprehensive range of foster care and adoption services, including those that were previously performed by the Florida Department of Children and Families, such as prevention, case management, adoption, independent living services for transitioning foster care youth, and many other related programs; and

WHEREAS, Our Kids mission is to oversee and lead a coordinated system of care in order to deliver excellence to abused, abandoned, and neglected children and their families in Miami-Dade and the Florida Keys; and

WHEREAS, at any given time as many as 3,400 children in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties are in the child welfare system. As a community, we have a duty to provide these vulnerable children with the safety, stability and love they so desperately need and deserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

This proclamation be presented to Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe, Inc. for its commitment and resolve that every foster child in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties grow up in a safe, loving, nurturing and permanent family.

Presented this fourth day of May, A.D. 2016

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