PROCLAMATION

Family Reunification Month

WHEREAS, reunification with family is the preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care;

WHEREAS, for most children in foster care, reunification with their family is their best option for a permanent and loving home;

WHEREAS, every year, hundreds of thousands of children are successfully reunified with their families across the country;

WHEREAS, all children need the care, love, security, and stability of family unity, including parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development and maturity;

WHEREAS, reunification takes work, commitment, and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, CPS workers, foster parents, CASA volunteers, services providers, attorneys, Youth Court and the community;

WHEREAS, for many years a number of jurisdictions in the United States have been celebrating the accomplishments of families who have overcome an array of challenges to reunify safely and successfully and others are starting this practice now.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim June 2019 “Family Reunification Month,” and urge all citizens of Hancock County, Mississippi, to participate in our endeavor to recognize and to celebrate our families who have successfully reunified with their children.

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