

County of Kandiyohi

# *Proclamation*

## **Foster Care Month**

**May 2017**

**WHEREAS:** the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State, and

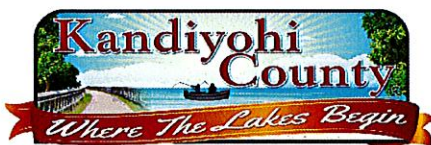
**WHEREAS:** in Kandiyohi County, there are currently 32 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family, and

**WHEREAS:** Kandiyohi County has many dedicated traditional and relative foster families who give generously of themselves to provide nurturing, safety, guidance, hope and love for children and families in need, and

**WHEREAS:** foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts to support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood, and

**WHEREAS:** there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents.

**THEREFORE:** The Kandiyohi County Board does hereby proclaim May 2017 as Foster Care Month in Kandiyohi County and urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care, foster parents, and the child welfare professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.



5.2.17

Roger Imdieke, Chair

Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners