

RESOLUTION NO. 493

WHEREAS, the week of May 9 to 16 has been proclaimed National Action for Foster Children Week to call attention to the vital needs of foster children; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that a family environment with loving and caring parents is the ideal situation for children; and

WHEREAS, in this area there are hundreds of foster children who through no fault of their own have been deprived of this normal home relationship involving love, shelter, and other needs that are the basic rights of all children; and

WHEREAS, social agencies, both public and private and dedicated foster parents are attempting to provide these children with temporary and permanent environment that will help them become the responsible citizens of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, they are finding it increasingly difficult to continue to provide the basic needs of these children, such as medical and dental care, education, food, clothing, skilled social work; and

WHEREAS, these ends can be met only by increased funding and concerted public effort on the part of all citizens, government and private agencies, legislators, and others responsible and concerned for the future of these children.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, hereby proclaims the week of May 9 to 16 as Alexandria's Action for Foster Children Week and calls upon all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies to support the vital role played by foster parents in enabling these children to develop into mature, responsible, productive adults.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to Mrs. Zelma Byers who has been a foster parent in Alexandria for the past 26 years and has cared for more than 300 children.

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Helen Holleman, Clerk of the
City of Alexandria, Virginia