



Muscogee (CREEK) Nation

Executive Office

DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2016 AS “FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH”

A Proclamation by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a sovereign Nation and as such seeks to protect the rights, welfare and safety of its citizens and children; and

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation culture, heritage and life; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Oklahoma there are currently three hundred and seventy-seven children and youth, in need of a safe, secure and stable family to provide placement; and

WHEREAS, tribal resource families, who open their homes and hearts and offer stability and love to children in need, play a vital role in helping children heal and grow to become loving, successful adults; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is experiencing a critical shortage of certified tribal resource homes thus resulting in a potential loss of cultural identity and awareness for Muscogee (Creek) children who are placed in non-Muscogee homes; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services is entreating a call to action for our tribal citizens who are in a position to provide a stable and loving home to become a tribal resource home; and

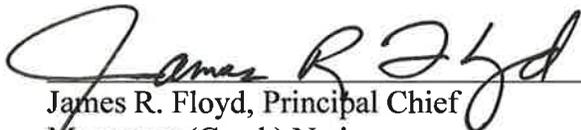
WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Children and Family Services Administration has dedicated staff who work diligently to identify, recruit, retain and certify tribal resource homes.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I, James R. Floyd, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, do hereby proclaim May 2016, as "Foster Care Awareness Month". I urge all citizens to give your time and attention to the growing epidemic of the need for foster homes for our Muscogee (Creek) children and youth in custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereto set my hand and seal on this 17th day of May, 2016.


James R. Floyd, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

