



SPONSOR: Rep. Griffith & Rep. Dorsey Walker on behalf of all
Representatives & Sen. Gay on behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137

RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS "FOSTER CARE MONTH" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Delaware recognizes that foster parents provide a valuable and important support system
2 to some of Delaware's most vulnerable children and their families; and

3 WHEREAS, foster families are an integral part of the professional team to protect and nurture children, and to
4 strengthen families; and

5 WHEREAS, foster parents generously devote their homes, their time, and their families to give to children
6 experiencing foster care love, support, and guidance to support their emotional, educational, and social growth; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2024 there were approximately 342 foster homes in Delaware providing a stable, safe place for a
8 child in need; and

9 WHEREAS, there are currently 583 youth who either live away from their homes or are experiencing foster
10 care; and

11 WHEREAS, children experiencing foster care are resilient and worthy of a life full of hopes and dreams; and

12 WHEREAS, foster parents require national, state, and community support to effectively care for children and
13 youth who have experienced the trauma of abuse, neglect, or dependency; and

14 WHEREAS, the month of May provides an annual opportunity to highlight our foster families for their
15 dedication, raise awareness of foster care, and empower youth and foster families to engage on this topic.

16 NOW, THEREFORE:

17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of
18 Delaware, the Senate concurring therein, that the General Assembly hereby recognizes May 2024 as Foster Care
19 Month in the State of Delaware.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all Delawareans are encouraged to join us in commending foster families
21 and youth in foster care throughout the First State, this month, and throughout the year.

SYNOPSIS

This concurrent resolution recognizes May 2024 as "Foster Care Month" in the State of Delaware.