



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ankeny recognizes that nothing is more precious in our community than the growth and development of our children, and every young person deserves a safe, loving, and stable home; and

WHEREAS, foster care plays a vital role in providing safe and nurturing environments for children and youth in need; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship, and adoptive families who open their hearts and homes to 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, a strong network of community partners-including local nonprofits, volunteer mentors, educators, and government agencies-helps create a support system that uplifts youth in care and promotes long-term stability and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Ankeny acknowledges the essential work of these individuals and organizations, and to encourage more residents to become involved, whether by fostering, advocating, mentoring, or supporting families in their community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, Iowa, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as Foster Care Month in Ankeny, Iowa, and urge residents to recognize the significance of foster care and honor the individuals and organizations committed to improving the lives of children and youth in foster care.

Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Yuska, City Clerk