

**IN RECOGNITION OF
NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

SEPTEMBER 2024

- WHEREAS,** NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE AWARENESS MONTH OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS, CELEBRATE KINSHIP CAREGIVERS, AND PROMOTE SUPPORTIVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES; AND
- WHEREAS,** KINSHIP CARE INVOLVES RELATIVES OR CLOSE FAMILY FRIENDS STEPPING IN TO CARE FOR CHILDREN WHEN THEIR BIOLOGICAL PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO DO SO, OFFERING LOVE, STABILITY, AND A SENSE OF BELONGING; AND
- WHEREAS,** MILLIONS OF CHILDREN IN THE U.S. ARE RAISED IN KINSHIP CARE ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH HELP MAINTAIN FAMILY CONNECTIONS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE WHILE SUPPORTING THE CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING; AND
- WHEREAS,** KINSHIP CAREGIVERS, SUCH AS GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, SIBLINGS, AND CLOSE FAMILY FRIENDS, OFTEN MAKE SIGNIFICANT PERSONAL SACRIFICES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND STABILITY OF THESE CHILDREN. THESE CAREGIVERS FACE UNIQUE CHALLENGES, INCLUDING FINANCIAL STRAIN AND LEGAL HURDLES, YET THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CARE OUT OF DEEP LOVE AND COMMITMENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING KINSHIP CAREGIVERS THROUGH RESOURCES AND ADVOCACY. SINCE 2018, THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES COUNCIL OF BROWARD COUNTY HAS SERVED 2,827 KINSHIP FAMILIES, PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE TEMPORARY CUSTODY, ADOPTION, AND GUARDIANSHIP ADVOCACY; AND
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, RECOGNIZES SEPTEMBER AS:

NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.

SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER 2024 AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA