



PROCLAMATION

Recognizing May as Foster Care Awareness and Foster Friendly Business Month

Whereas, the Council for the Town of Abingdon recognizes that May is National Foster Care Awareness Month and seeks to honor the dedication of our foster families, organizations, faith leaders, and businesses that support our children in care as well as the Social Services workers that support them; and

Whereas, we recognize the contributions of Abingdon's Small Businesses in supporting the "Foster Friendly Business" Initiative, an invaluable program to help those foster families that have opened their hearts and home to serving children in Virginia's foster care system; and

Whereas, we recognize that this critical partnership brings the strengths of the private business partners together with the stability of our local government to help solve one of our community's most significant challenges and help us meet the aims to recruit, retain and support our foster families and the foster children they serve; and

Whereas, in recognition of Foster Care Awareness Month and the dedication of our Small Business partners, faith leaders, and other community partners to improve the condition of our most vulnerable children and deliver a world-class Foster Friendly Business Initiative that brings the best example of public-private partnership to support bold, transformational community action; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Amanda Pillion, proclaim and establish the month of May to be Foster Friendly Business Month and thank those working on behalf of the residents for helping make our town an even more vibrant, thriving, and compassionate place to call home.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Pillion". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Amanda Pillion, Mayor