

Update on National Kinship Care Month – 2021

As of 2021, proclamations, resolutions, and celebrations are held in these states: Nevada, Connecticut, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Illinois, California, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, South Dakota, and Texas, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, New Jersey, New York, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, and. Kansas.

U. S. congressional resolutions include U. S. Senate resolutions in 2015 (Res. 266), 2017 (Res. 264), 2019 (Res. 323), 2020 (Res. 736), and House resolution in 2019 (Res.542), sponsored respectively by Senator Wyden and Congresswoman Bass.

State legislative/gubernatorial and congressional resolutions/proclamations described kinship caregivers, their importance as a child welfare resource, and express appreciation for this care of vulnerable children. They also identify examples of kinship caregivers and kinship children who have been political, judicial, military leaders, sports and entertainment figures. Samples of state and congressional resolutions, as well as other information, are found here at the NYS Kinship Care “National Kinship Care Month” pages. Included are the 2020 U. S. Senate, 2019 U.S. House, New York State Governor, Washington State, New Jersey, as well as other resolutions/proclamations.

This year, the NYS Kinship Navigator joins the Child Welfare League of America in urging President Biden to proclaim September as National Kinship Care Month. Information is available on this site.

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