

**RESOLUTION 24-26**  
**FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the mission of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness on the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the conservatively estimated, 58,000 children a year ordered into unsupervised contact with abusive parents, while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered due to being court ordered into visitation with a dangerous parent, and;

WHEREAS, the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of empirically-based education and training on domestic violence and child abuse, including emotional, psychological, physical, and sexual abuse, as well as childhood trauma, coercive control, and post separation abuse for judges and all professionals working on cases within the family court system, and;

WHEREAS, the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness on the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness, and therapeutic value, and;

WHEREAS, the mission at the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals utilizing scientifically sound, evidence-based, peer-reviewed research. Such research is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children.

NOW, THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that the Alpena County Board of Commissioners hereby declare the Month of NOVEMBER, to be FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH. We encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children.