



# Executive Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the Foster Youth Independence Center of Milwaukee, Inc. (FYI-Center), founder James A. Pekrul, lead agency development consultant Larry T. Stocks of Stocks & Associates, and the Board of Directors, will gather in honor of the opening of the new offices of the FYI-Center for foster care youth in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Thursday, January 13, 2005; and

*WHEREAS*, the mission of the FYI-Center is to provide programs and services for youth aging out of the foster care system, and to help answer the housing, emotional and mental needs, and educational and career goals of foster care youth ages 15 to 21 transitioning from teenagers to young adulthood; and

*WHEREAS*, the center is committed to providing resources to homeless foster care youth, collaborates with community based organizations, and guides foster care youth toward independence and responsible citizenship; and

*WHEREAS*, the FYI-Center opened its doors on December 1, 2004 to serve foster care youth with programs and services including mentoring, tutoring, advocacy, support groups, volunteer services, independent living classes, employment skills and job coaching; and

*WHEREAS*, our entire community benefits from the positive impact that the programs and services of the FYI-Center offer to foster care youth; now, therefore,

*I, Scott Walker, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby commend the*

*Foster Youth Independence Center of Milwaukee, Inc.*

for its efforts to assist foster care youth of Milwaukee County in meeting challenges in order to lead self-sufficient, successful lives.

Scott Walker  
Milwaukee County Executive

FYI Center



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