

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MILWAUKEE



Proclamation

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hereas:

Friends and supporters of the Foster Youth Independence Center (FYI-Center) of Milwaukee, Inc. are gathered in honor of the opening of its new center which will provide programs and services for youth aging out of the foster care system in Milwaukee; and,

WHEREAS, The FYI-Center was initiated as a dream and goal of a former foster child who experienced a difficult transition into adulthood from a hostile and inefficient foster care experience due to lack of continued resources and independent living skills, to answer the housing, emotional and mental needs, and educational and career goals of aging out of foster care youth in the City of Milwaukee; and,

WHEREAS, The FYI-Center is committed to providing resources to those foster care youth who are homeless, offering services that support independence and encourage emotional well-being; and,

WHEREAS, Aging out of foster care youth in the City of Milwaukee will be able to have the necessary resources and independent living skills to transition into adulthood as independent and responsible citizens; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Milwaukee commends the Foster Youth Independence Center of Milwaukee for its efforts to prevent negative impacts derived from birth family isolation and subsequent foster care placement on foster care youth aging out of the foster care system;

NOW THEREFORE, I, TOM BARRETT, Mayor of the City of Milwaukee, do hereby proclaim Thursday, January 13, 2005, to be

FOSTER YOUTH INDEPENDENCE CENTER DAY

throughout the City of Milwaukee.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tom Barrett'.

TOM BARRETT
Mayor