

~P R O C L A M A T I O N~

Whereas, November is National Youth Hope Month, formerly designated as National Runaway Prevention Month (NRPM); and

Whereas, For over 50 years, the National Runaway Safeline (NRF) has been responding to youth and families in crisis, serving as the national communications system for runaway and homeless youth; and

Whereas, Since 2001, the National Runaway Safeline, with support from the Family and Youth Services Bureau, has collaborated with national, state, and local organizations, Youth Ambassadors, companies, and individuals to bring attention to the experiences of youth who have run away or experienced homelessness; and

Whereas, runaway youth may have experienced trauma, struggle to meet basic needs, and are at increased danger of falling into high-risk situations, including human trafficking; and

Whereas, As the landscape surrounding youth homelessness has evolved since NRPM's inception, we recognize the need for improving the hopefulness of youth in our community as a protective factor against self-harm, thus National Youth Hope Month was launched to prioritize and support the mission to illuminate the challenges faced by runaway and homeless youth; and

Whereas, The National Women's Coalition Against Violence & Exploitation (NWCAGE) has been making a difference by raising awareness and providing resources that offer needed hope and support. As a partner of the National Runaway Safeline, NWCAGE's vital contributions have created safe, empowering spaces for vulnerable young people in the community.

Now, therefore, we, the Clark County Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2025 to be

Clark County Youth Hope Month

and encourage all citizens to appreciate the role that we can all play in advocating for and providing safe alternatives to this vulnerable population of young people.

Dated this 4th day of November 2025.

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