TOWN OF FOSTER
RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION 2014-03

PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLUE STAR MOTHER'S DAY

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Foster are matters of paramount importance to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the legislative powers of the Town of Foster are vested in the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Code: Title 36, Section 943 establishes the mission of Blue Star Mothers to be patriotic, educational, service-related, and to uphold the American values of freedom, justice, and equal rights; and

WHEREAS, the RI Chapter of Blue Star Mothers provides invaluable support for active duty service personnel, assists mothers and families who have children serving in the Armed Services, promotes patriotism, assists Veterans organizations, and promotes volunteer efforts to help our country remain strong; and

WHEREAS, the last Sunday in the month of September has been designated as "Gold Star Mother's Day" to recognize the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to honor those who have lost a son or daughter while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the number of active duty military and National Guard members who have served during the War on Terror far exceeds that of previous wars with nearly one-third of military personnel having been deployed more than once; and

WHEREAS, the effects of the War on Terror will be borne by the returning veterans and their families long into the future and perhaps for their entire lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, this newly-created holiday would also show deference to the fathers and other family members of veterans in the same manner as the Gold Star Mothers Holiday;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Foster Town Council respectfully requests that the RI General Assembly establish a holiday by observance to recognize and honor Blue Star Mothers.

SIGNED this twenty-second day of May A.D. 2014.

Foster Town Council

John L. Lewis, Jr.
President

ATTEST:

Carol Lyons Shelly, CMC
Town Clerk