

**Resolution 20**  
**In Recognition of the 25th Anniversary of Foster Care Review Boards**

WHEREAS, Congress charged courts with providing accountability to the child welfare system responsible for protecting abused, abandoned and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, the role of the courts is to insure that such children are moved expeditiously to permanent and safe homes; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Review Boards perform a critical function in assisting courts in carrying out these mandated responsibilities, and play an integral part in monitoring case activities and compliance with permanency plans; and

WHEREAS, the insights and recommendations of Foster Care Review Boards provide invaluable assistance to judges; and

WHEREAS, the first Foster Care Review Board program was established in 1978 in New Jersey and Foster Care Review Board programs now exist in twenty-five states;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conference of Chief Justices recognizes the 25th anniversary of the Foster Care Review Board program and expresses appreciation to the Foster Care Review Boards and their citizen volunteers who work with the courts to assist our nation's at-risk children.

*Adopted as proposed by the Courts, Children and Families Committee of the Conference of Chief Justices at the 27th Midyear Meeting on January 21, 2004.*