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Dear Board of Directors:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. This year marks the 36th anniversary of Foster Family Month, providing an important opportunity to recognize and celebrate the remarkable contributions of family and foster caregivers across our province. I am honoured to express my sincere gratitude for their unwavering dedication and commitment to supporting children and youth in care.

Caregivers of all kinds demonstrate extraordinary compassion and generosity by opening their hearts, homes, and lives to children and youth who need support. By providing a safe and nurturing environment for these young people, they help them cope with what can be very difficult times, and also help them begin to heal and work through the challenges they have experienced.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of meeting many exceptional caregivers whose kindness, compassion and dedication to the children and youth they care for has left a lasting impression on me. Their willingness to provide love, stability, and hope during challenging times makes a meaningful difference in the lives of children, youth, and families throughout British Columbia.

Please join me in celebrating these caregivers for the crucial role they play in all our communities, and for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Jodie Wickens

Minister of Children and Family Development

Sent on behalf of the Minister by:



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