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Dear Mayor and Council:

For 32 years, British Columbians have taken October to honour the caregivers in British Columbia that have dedicated themselves to some of this province's most vulnerable children and youth. I am pleased to announce that, once again, this October will be declared Foster Family Month in British Columbia.

This month is about celebrating and honouring caregivers and foster families that have stepped up to help children and youth who are experiencing hardship. The role foster families play in the lives of young people and the contribution they make to their communities is vital to helping children and youth reach their full potential. The impact that they have on the young people in their care will last a lifetime, from stepping up to become a mentor, advocate, and friend, to providing a nurturing and safe home, and responding to each unique situation with love and support. As Minister of Children and Family Development, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the warmth and dedication that these caregivers and foster families have shown to the children and youth in their care.

Please join me in celebrating October as Foster Family Month to show those in your community how important the role of a foster caregiver is. I encourage you to celebrate foster families for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of British Columbia.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, thank you for your continued support in recognizing foster caregivers.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Dean Minister

Sent on behalf of the Minister by:

