

Canada Province of British Columbia

A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia wishes to recognize the warmth, compassion and dedication of British Columbia's foster families that care for children who are temporarily unable to live with their own families, and

WHEREAS foster families are an integral and valued part of a team that helps children return to their families, live with extended family or make the transition to an adoptive family, and

WHEREAS Indigenous foster families support Indigenous children and youth to learn about and practise their Indigenous traditions, customs and language and to belong to their Indigenous community, and

WHEREAS foster families from diverse cultural backgrounds support all children and youth to maintain their cultural heritage, learn about and practise their cultural traditions, customs and language, and belong to their community, and

WHEREAS fostering is a community responsibility that provides opportunities for all community members to contribute to the support of children and youth;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October 2024 shall be known as

"Foster Family Month"

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this thirteenth day of September, two thousand twenty-four and in the third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.



