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His Worship Mayor Jack Froese and Council  
Township of Langley  
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Dear Mayor Froese and Council:

I am pleased to announce that October will once again be declared Foster Family Month in British Columbia. This marks the 31<sup>st</sup> year of celebrating the caregivers who have stepped up time and time again when they are needed most. As a caregiver, they have accepted a vital role in the lives of the children they care for and an important role in the fabric of the communities where they live.

I wish to express my gratitude for the time, love, and energy that these foster families have given to the young people in British Columbia. Every day, these incredible caregivers work hard to ensure that the young people in their care are provided with a safe and healthy home and are cared for and nurtured in times of personal and global uncertainty. Their dedication to improving the lives of some of our province's most vulnerable children and youth is recognized and honoured as an integral part of the young person's journey.


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 extended family and foster caregivers.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Dean  
Minister of Children and Family Development

*Sent on behalf of the Minister by:*

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