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His Worship Mayor Jack Froese and Council Township of Langley E-mail: info@tol.ca

Dear Mayor Froese and Council:

As Minister of Children and Family Development, I am delighted to once again proclaim October as Foster Family Month. This is the 26th Anniversary of Foster Family Month in British Columbia - a time to recognize and celebrate foster families for their tremendous contributions and commitment to the children, youth and families in our communities.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies provide supports and services to children and families in your community. With approximately 7,200 children- and youth-in care-across British Columbia, government relies on caregivers to open their hearts and homes and provide a safe and nurturing environment for our province's most vulnerable.

Foster Family Month is an opportunity to show our appreciation and thank caregivers for their incredible kindness and generosity, as well to recognize and celebrate the day-to-day support, comfort and compassion they provide to the children and youth in their care, each and every day.

The Fostering Connections Web site has materials, including printable posters and videos, to help raise awareness of fostering in your community. To access this information, please open the following link at: http://fosteringconnections.ca/.

I encourage you to recognize Foster Family Month wherever possible. Your personal acknowledgement and recognition of caregivers in your community will help show these remarkable families that their hard work and efforts are valued, appreciated and greatly needed.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia and its citizens, thank you for your recognition and continued support of caregivers in your community.

Sincerely, Stephanie Cadieux Minister of Children and Family Development