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Dear Board of Directors:

As the Provincial Director of Child Welfare, it is my honour to proclaim October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia. I am delighted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation for the important role foster caregivers undertake throughout the province. Since 1990, the Government of British Columbia has declared foster family month as a time to celebrate these caregivers, who have committed to protecting and caring for some of our most vulnerable children and youth.

Fostering is a journey etched in love, hope and memories that last a lifetime. Each year, my respect and admiration for the work of foster families deepens, and I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the daily support, comfort, and guidance that they and their families offer to these children in the most difficult times in their lives.

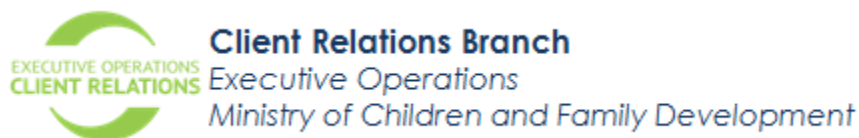
There is no substitute for a caring, trusting relationship in the life of a child. While every child's reason for entering foster care is unique, it is the compassion, patience and understanding provided by foster parents that helps ensure they are able to thrive. The warmth and generosity that they provide, and the resulting benefits for the child's future, are the greatest gifts one can offer.

Please join me in celebrating foster families in your community for the selfless work they do for the children, youth, and families of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Cory Heavener
Provincial Director

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