

PROCLAMATION FOSTER FAMILY MONTH OCTOBER/2014

WHEREAS: thousands of British Columbia Foster Families provide alternate family care

for children temporarily unable to live with their families and extended

families; and

WHEREAS: foster families work in partnership with birth parents, extended families and

community child and family services as an integral and valued part of a

team that serves the children and families of British Columbia; and

WHEREAS: First Nations, Metis, Inuit and other aboriginal foster families help preserve

the identity and unique culture and heritage of aboriginal children and

youth; and

WHEREAS: foster families from various cultures support children and youth to

understand and cultivate their heritage; and

WHEREAS: foster families provide care and ongoing support to children, while, at the

same time, participating in planning to assist children to return to their families, live with extended families, or make the transition to an adoptive

family; and

WHEREAS: fostering is a community responsibility and foster families build stronger

communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim the

month of October/2014, to be known as:

"FOSTER FAMILY MONTH'

in the City of Nanaimo.

John Ruttan

MAYOR

DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.