

State of Maine



WHEREAS, in 1988, the United States Congress, at the request of the National Foster Parent Association, introduced a resolution to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month in recognition of the critical contributions made by foster parents across the nation; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Foster Care Month in Maine provides an opportunity to publicly celebrate and acknowledge the critical role resource parents fulfill in keeping children safe, stable, and healthy, and to raise awareness of the ongoing need for resource parents and the importance of upholding and supporting resource families throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine recognizes that our children are future leaders who will one day guide and inform our citizens and, because securing their future is a responsibility shared by everyone, we must all consider how we can lift up the children in our care toward a bright, successful future; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, 182 new resource parents in Maine stepped forward to join with existing resource parents, helping to ensure the safety of children and youth in their care with a result of only 3 percent of those children testing positive for the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, resource parents facilitate the opportunity for Maine children to live safely and securely within families by exercising patience, selflessness, and duty toward others, and exemplifying the Maine state motto "Dirigo" (I lead); and

WHEREAS, during Foster Care Month, we celebrate the resource parents that they may continue to answer this most critical call to action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

Foster Care Month

throughout the State of Maine, and I urge all citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed
GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twenty-ninth day of April Two Thousand Twenty-One

Janet T. Mills
Governor

Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State