

State of Maine



WHEREAS, at the request of the National Foster Parent Association, in 1988 the United States Congress introduced a resolution to proclaim May as National Foster Care Month, and to recognize and show appreciation for the tremendous contributions of foster parents across the nation; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Foster Care Month in Maine provides an opportunity to focus on the year-round needs of children and youth in foster care, to raise awareness about foster care, and to encourage citizens to get involved in the lives of these children; and

WHEREAS, Maine is strongly committed to the important task of ensuring that our children grow up healthy and safe, whether they are in foster care, adoptive families, or biological families; and

WHEREAS, during Foster Care Month, we celebrate the foster parents and professionals who work every day to lift up the children in their care toward a bright, productive future; and

WHEREAS, in order to give foster youth the support they need, people in every Maine community are stepping up to serve as mentors, teachers, faith leaders, caseworkers, advocates and kinship caregivers to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating this month, it is fitting to urge people in Maine to be supportive adults for children in need and to appreciate the countless people who are answering that call to action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the great 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-third day of May Two Thousand Nineteen



Janet T. Mills
Governor

Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
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