

## **PROCLAMATION**

## FOSTER FAMILY MONTH October 2024

**WHEREAS**: the Provincial Director of Child Welfare, Cory Heavener, has proclaimed October as Foster Family Month in British Columbia.

**WHEREAS:** 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.

WHEREAS: 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.

**WHEREAS**: gratitude and sincere appreciation are expressed for the important role foster caregivers undertake throughout the Province of British Columbia and within the District of North Saanich.

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Mayor Jones of the District of North Saanich DO HEREBY PROCLAIM October 2024 as "Foster Family Month" in the District of North Saanich.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

Peter Jones, Mayor

Lyndsay Alexander,

**Deputy Corporate Officer**