

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Oregon's children are all of our children, and we have a responsibility to create safe, nurturing environments that enable them to thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Dedicated resource families and relative resource caregivers work tirelessly to give children and youth in foster care the love, warmth, safety, care, and support they need and provide a secure and nurturing environment; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon there are children and youth waiting for loving families to support them during their time in care. It is important to ensure all qualified resource families and relative resource caregivers have the opportunity to serve, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, and that no barriers exist as we invest in efforts to retain our current families and recruit more families for children and youth in foster care; and
- WHEREAS:** There are many ways to help our children, including by providing respite care, volunteering as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), and taking a role as a caseworker; and
- WHEREAS:** There is a great opportunity for individuals and public and private organizations to increase public awareness of the need for more resource families and caregivers and community support of children in foster care.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2021** to be

**FOSTER CARE MONTH**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 5, 2021.



*Kate Brown*  
Kate Brown, Governor

*Shemia Fagan*

Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State