

State of Maine



WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, in Maine there are 1700 children and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster family; and

WHEREAS, foster families, who open their homes and hearts to offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role both in helping children and families to heal and reconnect and in launching children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals and public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving the foster care "system" and who work to create an awareness that the enduring and valuable contribution foster parents and the foster care system provide is only as good as those who choose to be a part of it,

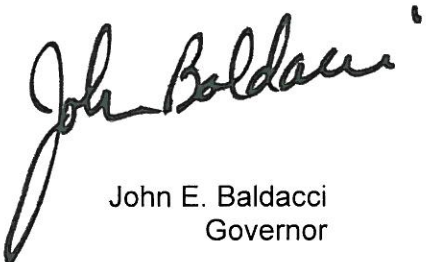
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim May, 2010 as

## FOSTER CARE MONTH

throughout the State of Maine, and 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 sixth day of April in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.



  
John E. Baldacci  
Governor

  
Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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