State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH
MAY 2009

WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of our communities and state, providing the love, support and guidance our children need in order to succeed; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, children are provided support needed to thrive physically, emotionally and socially by foster parents working as a team with social services and other professionals; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are known for their compassion and have a long-standing tradition of opening their hearts and homes to children in need of a stable and caring environment; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children who cannot return to their birth families, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the valuable and continuing contributions of foster parents who show their love and support continuously; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Children's Foster Care Month calls attention to the value of foster care as a temporary service that provides children and youth with a safe, stable and nurturing foster family until permanence can be achieved.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2009, **CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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