

## Proclamation

## Foster Family Month

## October 2024

- WHEREAS the City of Surrey wishes to recognize the warmth, compassion and dedication of Surrey's foster families that care for children who are temporarily unable to live with their own families; and
- WHEREAS foster families are an integral and valued part of a team that helps children return to their families, live with extended family or make the transition to an adoptive family; and
- WHEREAS Indigenous foster families support Indigenous children to learn about and practice their Indigenous traditions, customs and language and to belong to their Indigenous community; and
- WHEREAS foster families from diverse cultural backgrounds support all children and youth to maintain their cultural heritage, learn about and practice their cultural traditions, customs and language, and belong to their community; and
- WHEREAS fostering is a community responsibility that provides opportunities for all community members to contribute to the support of children and youth

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim October 2024, as "Foster Family Month" in the City of Surrey.

Mayor Brenda Locke City of Surrey