

WHEREAS; the \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes that our state’s most vulnerable children have the opportunities and resources they need, which can best be met by belonging in a family and \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS; the United States has over 400,000 children in the foster care system who are awaiting adoption. Illinois has 22,000 alone; and \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS; thousands of children are entering foster care in Illinois every year, we support children and families with information, resources, and support they need and deserve; and \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS; our state is so proud to help foster homes, children in care, people who want to become foster parents, and those on their fostering journey. \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS; this month, the \_\_\_\_\_ joins all of those involved with foster care in recognizing their loyal and steadfast devotion to the safety, stability, and well-being of Illinois children and families; \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH throughout \_\_\_\_\_. I commend this observance to all our residents.