State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

WHEREAS, families, serving as the primary sources of love, identity, self-esteem, and support,

are the very foundation of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, in Vermont, there are over 900 children and youth in traditional, kinship, or

specialized foster care who are being provided safe, secure, and stable homes, along

with the compassion and nurturing of foster and kinship families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, as well as public and private organizations, who

work to increase public awareness of the needs of children who are currently in or

leaving foster care; and

WHEREAS, we honor the enduring and valuable contributions of foster, kinship foster, and

adoptive parents and so many others who make the foster care system the supportive

network that it is.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2024 as

FOSTER CARE MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 1st day of May, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Scott Governor

Brittney Wilson

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs