

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- 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:** Foster and relative families, who open their homes and hearts and offer help to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal and reconnect and in launching children into successful adulthood; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon, there are thousands of children and youth in foster and relative care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a temporary, substitute family; and
- WHEREAS:** Dedicated foster and relative families frequently adopt or become guardians for foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and
- WHEREAS:** Numerous individuals and public and private organizations work to increase public awareness of the need for foster and relative caregiver families and the valuable contribution foster parents and relative caregivers make to children in need.

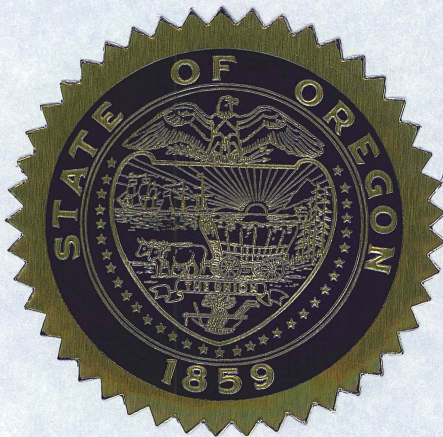
NOW,

THEREFORE: I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2016** to be

FOSTER CARE MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 21, 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown", written in a cursive style.

Kate Brown, Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne P. Atkins", written in a cursive style.

Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State