



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, is the foundation of our communities and our state; and

WHEREAS, foster families dedicate themselves to providing loving, nurturing care for thousands of children entrusted to them; and

WHEREAS, 6,000 foster families in Washington State open their homes and hearts to children in crisis, playing a vital role to help children and families heal and reconnect, and helping launch children into successful adulthood; and

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and


WHEREAS, numerous individuals along with public and private organizations are working to increase awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care, as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim May 2007, as

Foster Care Month

on Bainbridge Island, and I urge all citizens to join me in recognition of the special people who take care of foster children in our City by wearing a blue ribbon in their honor. I encourage citizens of Bainbridge Island to open their hearts and homes and offer support to children in foster care, to foster parents, and the child welfare professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

SIGNED this 10th day of May 2007


Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor

