



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the youth of this State and Nation are our most precious resource and hope for the future, all children deserve a safe, loving and nurturing place to call home, needed to help them reach their highest potential; and

Whereas, the people of the State of New York are known for their compassion and have a long-standing tradition of opening their hearts and homes to children in need of a stable and caring atmosphere; and

Whereas, today, foster care an essential component of our modern society and a practical means of providing children in need with a secure, supportive, and temporary environment; and

Whereas, the number of New York's children in foster care continues to decline but there are still more than 27,000 children in foster care; and

Whereas, devoted foster parents throughout the Empire State make every effort to improve the quality of life for the children in their care; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the valuable and continuing contributions of foster parents who show their love and support continuously – many of whom become adoptive parents when the children in their care cannot return to their birth families; and

Whereas, there remains a need for capable foster parents, and adults interested in helping a child in need are encouraged to consider providing a child with a stable loving home, and all New Yorkers can learn more about becoming foster parents by contacting their local departments of social services or foster care agencies;

Now, Therefore, I, Eliot Spitzer, Governor of New York State, do hereby recognize May 2007 as

FOSTER CARE MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-fifth day of April in the year two thousand seven.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor