

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, families, serving as the primary sources of love, identity, self-esteem, and support, are the very foundations of our Spokane communities, and there are over 800 children and youth in traditional, kinship, or specialized foster care who are being provided safe, secure, and stable homes, along with compassion and nurturing of foster and kinship foster families; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400 dedicated, licensed foster and kinship foster families in Spokane and Spokane County who often adopt foster children, and there are numerous individuals, as well as public and private organizations like Embrace Washington who work to increase public awareness of children's needs 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 it is:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

FOSTER CARE APPRECIATION MONTH

in Spokane and urge all citizens to take time to recognize that we can each play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
3rd day of May 2021.

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

