



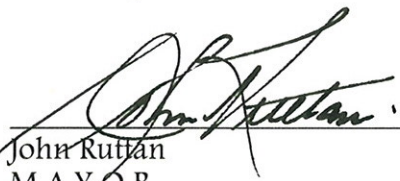
PROCLAMATION
FOSTER FAMILY MONTH
OCTOBER/2013

- WHEREAS: thousands of British Columbia Foster Families provide alternate family care for children temporarily unable to live with their families and extended families; and
- WHEREAS: foster families work in partnership with birth parents, extended families and community child and family services as an integral and valued part of a team that serves the children and families of British Columbia; and
- WHEREAS: First Nations, Metis, Inuit and other aboriginal foster families help preserve the identity and unique culture and heritage of aboriginal children and youth; and
- WHEREAS: foster families from various cultures support children and youth to understand and cultivate their heritage; and
- WHEREAS: foster families provide care and ongoing support to children, while, at the same time, participating in planning to assist children to return to their families, live with extended families, or make the transition to an adoptive family; and
- WHEREAS: fostering is a community responsibility and foster families build stronger communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I John Ruttan, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim the month of October/2013, to be known as:

"FOSTER FAMILY MONTH"

in the City of Nanaimo.


John Ruttan
MAYOR



DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.