EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, strong families serve as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem, and support for children. This is the very foundation of the communities in our state; and

WHEREAS, foster families in South Dakota provide safety, love, and stability for children in foster care and are tireless advocates on their behalf, helping them overcome trauma; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota’s foster parents are caring for and nurturing more than 930 children and youth in foster care today; and

WHEREAS, families supporting families is a shared value in South Dakota, and foster families are exceptional examples of that philosophy; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota’s foster parents help children transition from foster care to permanent homes through reunification with their birth families, adoption, guardianship, or into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, nonprofit organizations, and public servants who are dedicated to raising awareness about the needs of children in foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS, through partnerships with families, child welfare staff, and public and private agencies, there is a collaborative effort to ensure that South Dakota’s children are supported and successful.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KRISTI NOEM, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2021, as

Foster Parent Appreciation Month

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this twenty-sixth day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

Kristi Noem
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Steven J. Barnett
Secretary of State