

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

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

*WHEREAS*; in Wisconsin there are 7,300 children and youths in foster care; and

*WHEREAS*; all young people in foster care need the love and support provided by a safe and stable home, in order to grow into healthy, productive adults; and

*WHEREAS*; committed foster families often adopt foster children, resulting in an ongoing need for more foster families willing to provide a loving and nurturing temporary home to children and youths; and

*WHEREAS*; there are thousands of individuals in public, private, and tribal agencies working to support Wisconsin's children, youths, and families and the needs of those in foster care; and

*WHEREAS*; all of Wisconsin's citizens and communities have a responsibility to support the best care possible for children and youths when they cannot remain in their own homes; and

*WHEREAS*; all those involved with foster care deserve recognition this month and all year long for their caring and dedication to the safety, permanence, and well-being of Wisconsin's children and youths;

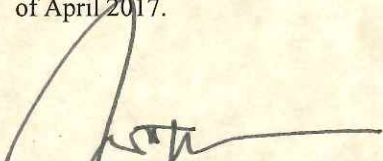
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as

## FOSTER CARE MONTH

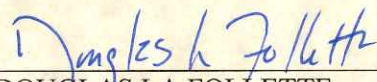
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State