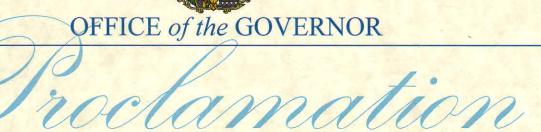
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WHEREAS; the State of Wisconsin recognizes that families are the primary source of support, love, identity, and hope for children; and

WHEREAS; foster families make great efforts to change the life of a child or youth in foster care by creating lasting connections, adding security and stability, and contributing to their healthy growth into adulthood; and

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

WHEREAS; foster families, who open their homes and hearts by offering help to those children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in the healing process that prepares children for success as adults; and

WHEREAS; there are almost 8,000 children and youth in foster care in Wisconsin and there is an ongoing need for more foster families to offer protection and support during this difficult period in their lives; and

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

WHEREAS; all those involved with foster care deserve recognition this month, and throughout the year, for their loyal and steadfast devotion to the safety, permanence, and well-being of Wisconsin's children and youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 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 5th day of April 2018.

SCOTT WALKER GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE Secretary of State