

Ms. Katherine Jones katherine@afkaonline.ca

Dear Ms. Jones:

Thank you for suggesting that Alberta declare the month of October as Foster and Kinship Caregiver Appreciation Month. As Minister of Children's Services, I am pleased to be able to work with you towards advancing the profile of the amazing work done by caregivers in Alberta.

Our government is grateful for the many caregivers who open their hearts and homes to children and youth requiring care. There is nothing more important than ensuring children are safe and loved. Foster and kinship caregivers are vital to the safety and long-term well-being of children and youth in care, including maintaining family, community and cultural connections.

I appreciate the ongoing collaboration between Children's Services and the Alberta Foster and Kinship Association. I trust this declaration will lead to even more opportunities to work together towards our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schulz

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