



Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Commissioner
Stephanie Muth

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Dear Texas Foster Families:

May is National Foster Care Month which allows the opportunity to recognize the dedication of our foster parents in the State of Texas. The first presidential proclamation for National Foster Care Month was made in 1988 by President Reagan, who highlighted the need to support the children and youth in foster care nationwide. The annual proclamation continues, and the 2023 campaign focuses on “Strengthening Minds, Uplifting Families”. For more information and resources, visit the national webpage at www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/.

I want to start off the month by saying how much I appreciate all that you do as foster parents and your commitment to the children in foster care. Thank you for your work with the children of Texas and turning your homes into safe havens for our children and youth. You have taken on the roles of counselor, coach, tutor, mentor, and friend to the children placed in your home. We don't say thank you enough for the huge differences you're making in the lives of children in foster care. At the end of FY22, a monthly average of 13,581 Texas children were placed in substitute foster care. I am always left amazed at the level of dedication and hard work you all put into each and every child.

On behalf of the State of Texas, you have my deepest appreciation for your selflessness and commitment to the children of Texas.

Sincerely,

Erica Bañuelos
Associate Commissioner for Child Protective Services