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Dear Board of Directors:

As the Provincial Director of Child Welfare and the Provincial Director of Adoption, we are delighted and honoured to proclaim November as Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month. This annual proclamation offers an opportunity to celebrate the many families in the province who have opened their hearts and homes to welcome children and youth as permanent members of their family.

November is also about recognizing that there are children and youth who need a permanent home to call their own with caring adults who will nurture and support them and champion their successes. It is our hope to see a province where children and youth can grow up in a loving home that encourages them to thrive.

We would be grateful if you shared the following resources and support services with your community members:

- [Adopt BC Kids](#) - an online portal that provides British Columbians wishing to adopt children and youth from foster care with information and guidance through their adoption application.
- The [Ways to adopt in British Columbia Website](#) provides information on adoption in British Columbia, such as infant adoption, relative and step-parent adoption, and adopting a child or youth from another country.
- <https://belongingnetwork.com> (formerly Adoptive Families Association of BC) - provides information and support services for families who wish to adopt now or in the future.
- <https://adoption-bc.com> - a detailed and comprehensive guide to additional adoption resources.


Thank you for your continued leadership and support in helping us raise awareness about adoption, celebrate adoptive families, and find loving, permanent homes for British Columbia's children and youth.

Sincerely,

Cory Heavener
Provincial Director of Child Welfare

Renaa Bacy
Provincial Director of Adoption

Sent on behalf of the Provincial Directors by:

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