

FOSTER CARE MONTH MAY 2009

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

WHEREAS, in 2009 there were 50 children in the Otter Tail County licensed foster homes. Foster care provides a safe, secure and stable home for children also providing compassion and nurturance of a family setting, and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Otter Tail County Human Services licensed 26 foster families who have opened their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role helping children and families heal, reconnect, and launch children into successful adulthood, and

WHEREAS, there are over 128 adults in licensed adult family foster care homes, and

WHEREAS, there are over 55 licensed adult family foster care providers, who have opened their homes to provide a family environment to individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness or who are elderly, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children and adults in foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster care providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Otter Tail County Human Services Board, by virtue of the authority vested in us as County Commissioners of Otter Tail County, do hereby proclaim May as **FOSTER CARE MONTH** in Otter Tail County and urge all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children/adults in foster care, foster parents, and the professional staff working with them during this month and throughout the year.

Adopted this 28th day of April 2009

By: Everett P. Erickson
Chairperson
Otter Tail County Human Services Board

Attest: Larry Krohn
Larry Krohn, Clerk