
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA



PROCLAMATION

California is home to more than 75,000 foster children. This is a staggering number, and one that calls us to action.

Each year, more than 13,000 foster families in California open their hearts and homes to vulnerable children whose parents are not able to provide a nurturing environment. These foster families are an extremely powerful force for good in the lives of those they embrace. I applaud them, along with the public and private agencies that support these fantastic efforts, for building brighter futures for our youth.

During Foster Care Awareness Month, California recommits itself to the well-being of our foster care youth. I urge all Californians – especially those who are able to open their homes to children in need – to do everything possible to ensure that every child grows up in a secure home with a family who loves and cares for them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 2008, as “Foster Care Awareness Month.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 6th day of May 2008.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra Bowen".

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State

