



Statement

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REPRESENTATIVE ACKNOWLEDGES ADOPTIVE PARENTS

In honour of Adoption Awareness month, I wish to thank our province's adoptive families for their courage, commitment and compassion. The permanence you provide for children gives them a family and your investment makes an important contribution to society as a whole.

My office works with adoptive families most often in our advocacy role. A child-focused advocacy strategy is an important part of supporting vulnerable children. However, your role as parent for these children is what means most to them.

It is in the interest of every British Columbian to ensure that adoptive families have the support they need to flourish. Our province's future lies in the hands of our children. Together we must ensure our vulnerable children are heard, have their rights upheld and have equal opportunities for success.

You have my full support, and I and my staff thank you again for your many efforts to improve the well-being of B.C.'s most vulnerable young citizens.

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