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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Transmittal No: 91 LCM-67

Date: April 23, 1991

Division: Family and Children
Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Foster Parent Month

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Agency Nominees for 1991 Foster Parents
who have helped reunite children with their families
Certificate of Recognition Program
(Attachment available on-line)

Governor Cuomo will proclaim May as Foster Parent Month. In addition to his proclamation, the Department of Social Services, as part of the Governor's Decade of the Child program, is requesting your assistance in honoring foster parents who have helped reunite children with their families. Specifically, we would like you to identify foster families whom you would like to receive special recognition.

This initiative is in keeping with our on-going joint support for the recruitment and retention of foster families. We hope that publicity during the month will create a public awareness of the need for more foster parents. Agencies are encouraged to hold awareness or recognition dinners for foster parents during foster parent month as part of this initiative.

Please list the names of foster parents nominated by your agency on the attached form. Please make certain that those who are nominated are receptive to receiving a certificate. Their names will be printed on the certificates which will be sent to you for presentation.

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If you have any questions about this process please contact Kevin Leyden at (518) 474-9447. It is requested that all nominations be sent directly to Fred Elia at the University at Albany, Professional Development Program, Richardson Hall, Rockefeller College, Albany, New York 12222 (518) 453-6146: Fax (518) 442-5768.

Foster Parent Month is a time to recognize the outstanding contributions that foster parents make to the children of our State and to give us the opportunity to encourage others to join their ranks. Please feel free to contact your regional office if you would like assistance in any foster parent month activities.

Joseph Semidei
Deputy Commissioner
Family and Children Services

Attachment A

Agency Nominations for 1991 Foster Parents who have helped
reunite children with their families
Certificate of Recognition Program

Instructions: Type the names of the couples or individuals who are being nominated. Persons eligible for certificates must have helped reunite children with their families as a certified foster parent. There is no limit to the number of foster parents the agency may nominate for the award. Return to Fred Elia, University at Albany, Professional Development Program, Richardson Hall, Rockefeller College, Albany, New York 12222. For further information about the award program call (518) 474-9447.

1. Name: _____

Reason for Nomination:

2. Name: _____

Reason for Nomination:

3. Name: _____

Reason for Nomination:

4. Name: _____

Reason for Nomination:

(Use other side for listing additional nominees)

Number of Proclamations Requested: _____

Reporting Agency: _____

Address: _____

Prepared by: _____

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