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Greetings!

I am pleased to join Governor Daniels in recognizing Parenting Awareness Month Indiana. Your celebration this morning is one that I hope will create momentum for the next few weeks, inspiring Hoosiers all over the state to be better parents.

The Governor and I know that the family is the building block of society, and we applaud your efforts on behalf of mothers, fathers and children. We have all witnessed the tragedies that can occur in the absence of strong parenting, and you are right to call attention to it. I hope this time will encourage healthy relationships and solid foundations for our children.

As Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis once put it, "If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do well matters very much." Her candor should strike every Hoosier who *is* or aspires to *be* a parent. We must, at all costs, raise our children well today, or we will suffer the consequences for generations to come.

Thank you for the work you are doing to promote responsible parenting and the welfare of young Hoosiers across the state. I wish you the very best as you pursue this worthy goal throughout the month of April.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Skillman".

Becky Skillman
Lieutenant Governor