



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Every child deserves to grow up in a loving and nurturing family, with adults to help guide each child to a happy and productive life; and
- WHEREAS: Each November, foster care and adoption entities nationwide implement activities, programs, and other efforts to build awareness of the thousands of children who are in the foster care system waiting to be adopted; and
- WHEREAS: On behalf of the many children under the care of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), Georgia is committed to educating every citizen about the need for adoptive parents statewide; and
- WHEREAS: In conjunction with Adoption Awareness Month, DFCS is sponsoring a month-long initiative to build awareness of children in need of "Forever Families," and to recruit adoptive parents for those children awaiting adoption in Georgia's foster care system; and
- WHEREAS: By providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children, we can ensure that they will grow to their full potential as the next generation of Georgia's leaders, helping to secure the future of our state and nation; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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