



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 across the nation implement programs and initiatives to build awareness regarding the thousands of children who are in foster care and waiting to be adopted; and
- WHEREAS: On behalf of the children under the care of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), the State of Georgia is committed to educating all citizens about the need for adoptive parents statewide; and
- WHEREAS: On March 5, 2018, I signed HB 159 into law. This legislation enacted comprehensive reforms to Georgia's adoption code to make it easier for adoptive parents to create a loving family; and
- WHEREAS: DFCS, in conjunction with Adoption Awareness Month, is sponsoring a month-long initiative to generate awareness about the children who need "Forever Families," and to recruit adoptive parents for the children eligible for adoption in Georgia's foster care system; and
- WHEREAS: By providing safe and nurturing environments for children, we can ensure that they will grow to their full potential as the next generation of Georgia's leaders that will help to secure the future of our state and nation; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2018 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 25th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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