



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADOPTION DAY

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the importance of offering children opportunities to have stable, safe, and loving families through adoption; and
- WHEREAS: For 15 years, Adoption Day has helped to transform the lives of some of our youngest and most vulnerable citizens by working with partners in the legal system to finalize adoptions and secure permanent, loving homes for children in foster care; and
- WHEREAS: Adoption Day brings together judges, attorneys, adoption agencies, community leaders, professionals, and child advocates to facilitate adoptions and provide children with permanent homes; and
- WHEREAS: Adoption Day is a local and national observance that aims to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care who are currently awaiting adoption. On this annual, one-day event, courts and communities across the nation join together to complete thousands of adoptions and recognize the importance of adoptive families; and
- WHEREAS: Adoption Day in Georgia coincides with Adoption Awareness Month. During this time, the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services is hosting an 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. Adoption Day provides a unique opportunity to celebrate the willingness of committed individuals and families to step up and provide loving, caring, and supportive homes for children in need; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2017, as ADOPTION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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