



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADOPTION DAY

- 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 activities, programs, and initiatives to build awareness regarding the thousands of children who are in the foster care system waiting to be adopted; 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: Adoption Day brings together partners in the legal community to finalize adoptions and find permanent homes for children in foster care; and
- WHEREAS: On Adoption Day and throughout Adoption Awareness Month, communities across the state come together to celebrate families who adopt and provide loving, caring, and supportive homes for children; and
- WHEREAS: In conjunction with Adoption Awareness Month, the Fulton County Juvenile Court will host its 17th Adoption Day Celebration on November 17, 2018; 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 and November 17, 2018, 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 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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