



# *Proclamation*

## *By the Governor of Alabama*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and*

*WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,500 children in the care or custody of the Department of Human Resources; and*

*WHEREAS, most foster children return to their biological families; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the diligence and hard work that adoption professionals display everyday in identifying forever families for its children in foster care; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the partnerships of many agencies and groups in making adoption for children in foster care possible; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Alabama and the Department of Human Resources are celebrating a record 710 finalized adoptions in fiscal year 2018; and*

*WHEREAS, there are currently 407 foster children awaiting adoption; and*

*WHEREAS, 145 of these children will be adopted by the foster parent with whom they are already placed; and*

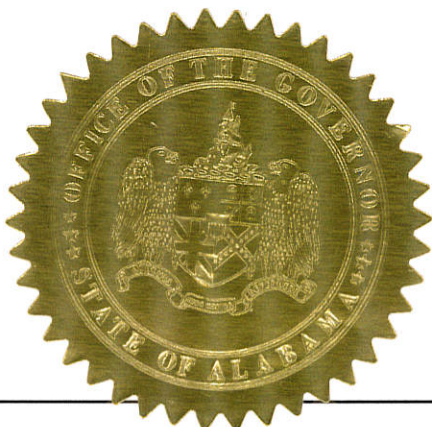
*WHEREAS, 262 of these children do not yet have an identified adoptive resource; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about the needs of children in Alabama's foster care system and to locate permanent, loving families for these children;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2018, as*

# *National Adoption Month*

*in the State of Alabama and do hereby encourage all Alabamians to support adoption and to attend one of the many National Adoption Month events planned throughout the State.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 26th day of November 2018.*

*Kay Ivey*  
Kay Ivey, Governor