



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 6,214 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 every day 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 814 finalized adoptions in fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 468 foster children available for adoption; and

WHEREAS, 171 of these children will be adopted by the foster parent with whom they are already placed; and

WHEREAS, 297 of these children do not yet have an identified adoptive resource;

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 2020, as

National Adoption Month

in the state of Alabama do hereby encourage all Alabamians to support adoption and finding permanency for the children in Alabama's foster care system.



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 17th day of November 2020.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor