



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the importance of providing children and youth with permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,926 children and youth are in the custody of the Alabama Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the diligence and hard work that adoption professionals display every day while identifying forever families for children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Alabama recognizes the valuable partnerships of many agencies and organizations that help make adoption possible for children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, Alabama celebrated 741 adoptions from foster care in fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, 369 foster children and youth are currently available for adoption in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, 171 of these children and youth are in the process of being adopted by the foster parents with whom they are already placed; and

WHEREAS, 198 of these children and youth do not yet have identified adoptive resources; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about the needs of children and youth in foster care and to help them find permanent, loving families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Honorable Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2023, as

National Adoption Month

and November 18, 2023, as

National Adoption Day



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 15th day of November 2023.

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor