



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

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

*WHEREAS, approximately 5,947 children and youth are in the custody of the Alabama Department of Human Resources; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 73 percent of foster children and youth return to their biological families; and*

*WHEREAS, the state of 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, the state of Alabama celebrated 621 adoptions from foster care in fiscal year 2024; and*

*WHEREAS, 358 foster children and youth are currently available for adoption in Alabama; and*

*WHEREAS, 193 of these children and youth are in the process of being adopted by the foster parents with whom they are already placed; and*

*WHEREAS, 165 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, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama do hereby proclaim November 2024 as*

# *National Adoption Month*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*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 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*