



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

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

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama recognizes the diligence and hard work that adoption professionals display every day in identifying forever families for 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 & the Department of Human Resources is celebrating the finalized adoptions of 503 foster children during fiscal year 2016, and approximately 481 finalized adoptions in fiscal year 2017; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,100 children in the care or custody of the Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, adoption is the permanency plan for approximately 400 foster children; and

WHEREAS, approximately 148 of these children will be adopted by the foster parent with whom they are already placed; and

WHEREAS, approximately 252 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 for more permanent families for these children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2017, as

National Adoption Month

in the State of Alabama and 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 28th day of November 2017.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor