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 5,804 children and youth are in custody of the Alabama Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of foster children and youth return to their biological families; and

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

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

WHEREAS, our state celebrated 694 adoptions from foster care in fiscal year 2026. 364 foster children and youth are currently available for adoption in Alabama, and 226 of these children and youth are in the process of being adopted by the foster parents with whom they are already placed. 138 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 2026, as

National Adoption Month

in the state of Alabama.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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 12th day of November 2026.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor