



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: All children in Minnesota have the right to the love, protection, and stability of a permanent family that will provide patience, care, and a supportive environment to help them heal and thrive in the world; and
- WHEREAS: Most children waiting to be adopted are older or part of sibling groups that must stay together to maintain the strongest family bonds possible; and
- WHEREAS: It is essential for children, from infancy to adulthood, to have a family that believes in them; and
- WHEREAS: Hundreds of children in Minnesota's foster care system are waiting to be adopted by families that will provide safe, permanent homes; and
- WHEREAS: Many children waiting for adoption have psychological or medical disabilities, and need special care and support; and
- WHEREAS: Children adopted last year have been able to heal and succeed in permanent homes with encouraging environments and caring families; and
- WHEREAS: We recognize the commitment of adoptive parents who support children in crisis and continue to invest in their future, by raising them in stable, loving, and safe homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2015, as:

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of October.



GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE