



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Children are Minnesota's most precious resource as our future leaders who will make decisions about our success, prosperity, and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Foster children awaiting adoption may have experienced pain and trauma during their critical developmental years and need the support of permanent families; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota children in foster care reflect the diversity of our state, and regardless of sexual orientation, age, gender identity, race, ethnicity, religion, or disability, they deserve to be welcomed into loving adoptive families who will provide a supportive and safe home environment; and
- WHEREAS: Children and youth in sibling groups want to be adopted together to maintain strong, essential family bonds; and
- WHEREAS: Older youth often wait in the foster care system the longest, creating a need for adoptive parents for older youth in particular; and
- WHEREAS: Adoptive parents are committed to providing permanent families to siblings, older youth, and young children with complex psychological, medical, and educational needs; and
- WHEREAS: Communities, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, neighbors, and relatives can help by providing support before, during, and after adoption to ensure children join permanent families; and
- WHEREAS: We celebrate and recognize the thousands of Minnesota families created through adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2020, 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 30th of October.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Simon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Office of the Minnesota
Secretary of State,
Steve Simon