



## 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; and
- WHEREAS: It is essential for children, from birth to adulthood, to have families who believe 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 to be adopted are older or part of sibling groups who must stay together to maintain strong, essential family bonds; and
- WHEREAS: Many children waiting for adoption may have psychological or medical disabilities and need special care and support; and
- WHEREAS: The commitment of adoptive parents who support children in crisis and continue to invest in their future, raising them in stable, loving and safe homes, is paramount to their future; and
- WHEREAS: Communities, government agencies, relatives, and others can help families and children by providing support before, during, and after adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2016, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE