

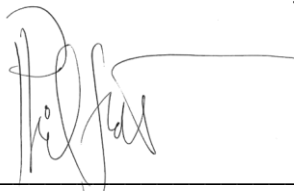
**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption, and recognizes the selflessness of adoptive parents; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont's future depends on today's children; and
- WHEREAS,** approximately 80 children in Vermont are waiting for permanent families; and
- WHEREAS,** to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts and agencies across the nation will strive to raise awareness surrounding adoption in the month of November; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont courts will open their doors throughout the month of November in honor of National Adoption Day to finalize the adoptions of local children and to join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and
- WHEREAS,** this effort, along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a difference in the life of a child through adoption; and
- WHEREAS,** Vermont honors the crucial needs of these children and all of those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

**ADOPTION MONTH**

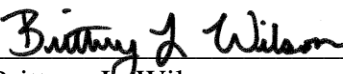
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 28th day of July, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott  
Governor



  
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Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs