

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, Vermont recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption, and recognizes the selflessness of adoptive parents and the bravery of families formed through adoption; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's future depends on today's children; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, approximately 117,000 children in foster care are awaiting permanent families with approximately 100 children in Vermont 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 in the month of November surrounding adoption; and

WHEREAS, Vermont Courts will open their doors throughout the month of November in honor of National Adoption Day to prioritize finalizing 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 powerful difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

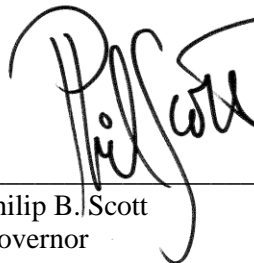
WHEREAS, Vermont honors the crucial needs of these children and all of those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as

ADOPTION MONTH


in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 9th day of November, A.D. 2018



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Jaye Pershing Johnson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs