

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 complexity of being an adopted person, the grief of birth parents, 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 150,000 children in foster care are awaiting permanent families; and

WHEREAS, approximately 110 children in Vermont are awaiting permanent families; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts and agencies across the nation strive to raise awareness surrounding adoption in the month of November; and

WHEREAS, Vermont courts will prioritize the finalization of adoptions of local children in the month of November in honor of National Adoption Day, joining 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 lives of a child through adoption; and

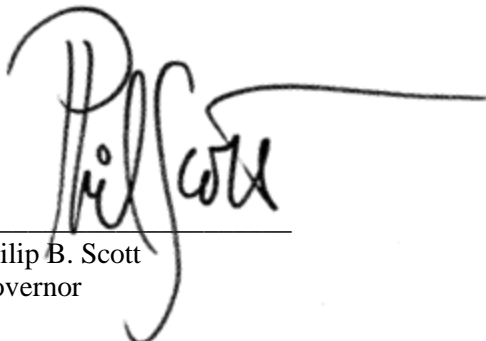
WHEREAS, Vermont honors the crucial needs of these children and all of those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families, especially during this time of the pandemic when so many are going above and beyond to ensure children have permanent loving families to grow up in.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 2020 as

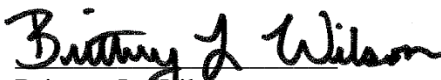
ADOPTION MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 23rd day of November, A.D. 2020.


Philip B. Scott
Governor




Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs