

**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 122,000 children in foster care are awaiting permanent families; and

**WHEREAS,** approximately 100 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,** this effort, along with similar efforts 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 a global health crisis when so many are going above and beyond to ensure children have permanent loving families to grow up in.

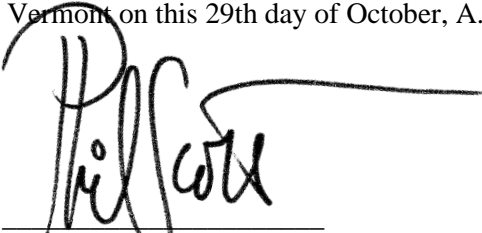
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 2021 as

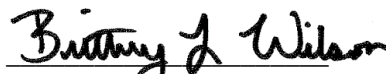
**ADOPTION MONTH**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of October, A.D. 2021.

  
Philip B. Scott  
Governor

  
Brittney L. Wilson  
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs