



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, more than 111,820 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of children in Tennessee are waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 18, 2017, to finalize the adoptions of local children and 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 lives of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2017 as

Adoption Day

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this second day of November, 2017.

Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Kergett

Secretary of State