

## 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 100,000 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, recognition of Adoption Day can help to 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 Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2019 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 tenth day of October, 2019.

Governor

Secretary of State