



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, supportive families are an important component of health and happiness, both for a child and into adulthood, helping them navigate a wide range of challenges and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, each year, Tennessee has hundreds of children who need a permanent home via adoption; and

WHEREAS, during this commemoration, we seek to raise awareness of those youth who are still awaiting permanent placement, to encourage families and individuals who feel called toward foster care or adoption to seek more information, and also to celebrate and affirm Tennessee's many adoptive families and the individuals who support them; and

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans can play an integral role in creating a supportive landscape for children and families in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in the 2020 Federal Fiscal Year, the Tennessee Department of Children's Services facilitated 1,186 adoptions and 431 subsidized permanent guardianships in Tennessee and continues to provide invaluable services to thousands more Tennessee children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

Adoption Month

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, 2020.

Bill Lee

Governor

DeWitt

Secretary of State