



STATE OF TENNESSEE

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennessee's foster children deserve permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, through diligence and hard work, adoption professionals identify forever families for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and agencies partner together to make adoption for children in foster care possible; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and the Department of Children's Services celebrated the finalized adoptions of more than XXX foster children during YEAR; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately XX children who are legally available for adoption in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness about the needs of children in Tennessee's foster care system and for more permanent families for these children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2012, 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 13 day of November, 2012.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of the Secretary of State.

Secretary of State

