State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption, recognizes 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, more than 107,000 in the United States foster care system are awaiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 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, Vermont Courts will open their doors throughout the month of November in honor of National Adoption Day to finalize the adoptions of local children and to 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; and

WHEREAS, Vermont honors the crucial needs of these children and all of those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

ADOPTION MONTH

and November 18, 2016 as

ADOPTION DAY
in the State of Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 27th day of October, A.D. 2016

Peter Shumlin
Governor