

## Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe & loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,345 children in the care or custody of the Department of Human Resources; and

WHEREAS, most foster children return to their biological families; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes the diligence and hard work that adoption professionals display every day in identifying forever families for its children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes the partnerships of many agencies and groups in making adoption for children in foster care possible; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama and the Department of Human Resources are celebrating a record 731 finalized adoptions in fiscal year 2019; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 461 foster children available for adoption; and

WHEREAS, 160 of these children will be adopted by the foster parent with whom they are already placed; and

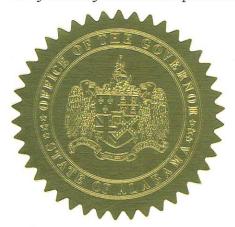
WHEREAS, 301 of these children do not yet have an identified adoptive resource; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim November 2019, as

## National Adoption Month

in the state of Alabama and do hereby encourage all Alabamians to support adoption and to attend one of the many National Adoption Month events planned throughout the State.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 7th day of November 2019.

Kay Ivey, Governor