# **­ELECTED OFFICIAL** PROCLAMATION

**[ELECTED OFFICIAL NAME]**

WHEREAS: **[CITY, STATE OR COUNTY]** recognizes the importance of giving children safe, loving and permanent families through adoption; and

WHEREAS: More than 108,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS: More than **[NUMBER]** children in **[CITY, STATE OR COUNTY]** are waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS: The court(s) in **[CITY, STATE OR COUNTY]** will open their doors on **[DATE OF ADOPTION DAY]** to ﬁnalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

WHEREAS: This effort, along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, 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 foster care adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, **[ELECTED OFFICIAL TITLE]**

of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim **[Month, Day, Year]**, as ADOPTION DAY in **[CITY, STATE OR COUNTY]**, and in so doing, all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of foster care adoption.

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