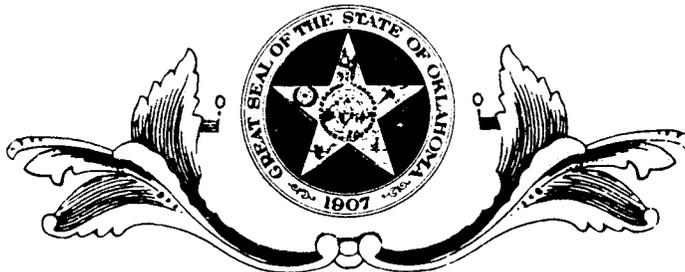


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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services SWIFT Adoption Services, through hard work and dedication, finalized 1,462 children for adoption placement in fiscal year 2012; and

Whereas, every child deserves a loving home in which to grow and mature; and

Whereas, more than 59 percent of these children were siblings, who found loving, adoptive homes with their brothers and sisters; and the important life-long bond between siblings is preserved; and

Whereas, nearly 800 children are legally ready to be adopted, with the desire to be part of a family clearly visible in their eyes, and a hope written in their hearts they will remain with their brothers and sisters;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2012 as

"Adoption Awareness Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



ATTEST:

Assistant

Michelle R. Day
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 22nd day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourth year.

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