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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, every child in Oklahoma, irrespective of physical, medical or emotional challenges, age or race, needs love, support, security and a place to call home; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services supports the conscientious efforts of adoption professionals in identifying permanent placement families for children in need; and

Whereas, these children can thrive, reach their full potential, and spread their wings when given the firm foundation of a caring family with a willingness to raise them in a stable and nurturing environment; and

Whereas, the partnership of both public and private adoption agencies along with community organizations, religious groups, businesses and others should be recognized for their commitment to the needs of Oklahoma's most vulnerable children; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to educate the residents of our state about the needs of children in our foster care system and the necessity for additional permanent families;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor, do hereby proclaim

November 19, 2016, as

"National Adoption Day"

and

November 2016 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.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 24th day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and eighth year.

[Signature]

Mary Fallin

ATTEST:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

GOVERNOR

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