



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH  
NOVEMBER 2019**

*WHEREAS, all children deserve a loving and nurturing home so that they may reach their full potential; and*

*WHEREAS, for some children, adoption is their best chance for a healthy and happy life; and*

*WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, 2,578 children were adopted in 2018; and*

*WHEREAS, adoptive parents have a special calling - sharing a loving home with children in need and offering them hope for a brighter future - and should be recognized and honored; and*

*WHEREAS, despite many successes, there is still a need for permanent, loving homes for children in this commonwealth and many children in the United States foster care system are still waiting to be adopted; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important to involve the media, private and public agencies, adoptive parents, advocacy groups, civic and church organizations, and businesses in providing publicity and information to heighten community awareness of the needs of these children and all of those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby recognize November 2019 as ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH. I encourage all citizens across the commonwealth to recognize the importance of adoption and make every effort to ensure that all children in Pennsylvania have a safe, loving place to call home.*



*GIVEN, under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-sixth day of November two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fourth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
Governor