

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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, 1,781 children were adopted in state fiscal year 2023-2024; 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, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim November 2025 to be

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

I encourage all Pennsylvanians to recognize the importance of adoption and make every effort to ensure that all children in our Commonwealth 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-second day of October two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro