



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ADOPTION DAY

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the importance of offering children the opportunity to have stable, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS: Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by working with court partners to finalize adoptions and find permanent homes for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS: Adoption Day brings together judges, attorneys, adoption agencies, professionals, and child advocates to facilitate adoptions, giving precious children the opportunity to have permanent homes; and

WHEREAS: Adoption Day is a local and national observance in which courts and communities across the nation come together to complete thousands of adoptions of children from foster care and to celebrate families who adopt; and

WHEREAS: Adoption Day celebrates the willingness of committed individuals and families to step up and provide a loving, caring, and supportive home for a child in need; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2016, as ADOPTION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley  
CHIEF OF STAFF