BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: In state fiscal year 2026, 1,089 children were adopted in the State of Georgia. Currently, there are 387 children eligible for adoption in Georgia without an identified adoption resource; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) celebrates the adoptive families who have opened their hearts and homes to provide children and youth with the stability, support, and unconditional love that every child needs to live, grow, and thrive, preparing them for successful adulthoods; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia and DHS are committed to educating the public about the need for adoptive families, especially those with a desire to adopt older children, sibling groups, and children with complex needs; and

WHEREAS: The Kemp Administration and DHS continue to prioritize the need for additional adoptive and foster homes through foster caregiver and adoptive parent recruitment and retention efforts; and

WHEREAS: DHS recognizes the many organizations and dedicated individuals across the state who assist with adoptive family recruitment and provide important services and support to address the needs of children and families throughout the adoption process; and

WHEREAS: DHS celebrates the families formed through adoption and encourages Georgians to continue showing their commitment and support in making a difference in children's lives through adoption; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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