

WHEREAS; adoption provides an opportunity to improve and enrich the lives of kids and families across the state, and every child, regardless of age, gender, race, or ability, deserves a loving, supportive, and nurturing family to call their own; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, 766 kids gained the support and connection of a permanent family through public adoption in 2022; and

WHEREAS; there remains a need for families that can support siblings, older youth, and young people with complex needs through adoption, and there are children in Wisconsin’s foster care system waiting for compassionate families to provide loving and supportive homes that cultivate connection; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating families created through adoption and thanks the multitude of individuals in public, private, and Tribal agencies that work every day to enhance the lives of children and families throughout the stat;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 18 2023 as

**ADOPTION DAY**  
and November 2023 as  
**ADOPTION MONTH**  
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 13th day of October 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State