

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that adoption creates a unique opportunity to improve kids' lives and enrich the lives of adoptive parents, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS; what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, and every kid, regardless of age, gender, race, or physical and emotional challenges deserves a loving, supportive, nurturing, and permanent family to call their own; and

WHEREAS; there is always a need for parents who are willing to adopt siblings, older youth, and young people with complex medical and behavioral needs; and

WHEREAS; 726 children across Wisconsin gained a permanent family through public adoption in 2019; and

WHEREAS; committed foster families often adopt foster children, resulting in an ongoing need for more foster families; and

WHEREAS; there are approximately 483 children in foster care in Wisconsin waiting for a compassionate family to open their hearts and homes; and

WHEREAS; this month provides all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to celebrate the thousands of families built through adoption, and to thank the multitude of individuals in public, private, and tribal agencies that further adoption efforts in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 2020 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 22nd day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State