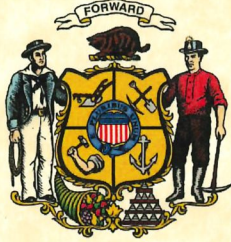


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
October 2020.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By \_\_\_\_\_ Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State