

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, and that kids flourish when supported by their families, relatives, and communities; and

WHEREAS; every kid, regardless of age, gender, race, or physical and emotional ability deserves a loving, supportive, nurturing, and permanent family to call their own; and

WHEREAS; adoption creates a unique opportunity to improve the lives of kids and enrich the lives of adoptive families and their communities; and

WHEREAS; 717 children across Wisconsin gained a permanent family through public adoption in 2020 and hundreds of children in our state are currently in foster care, and there is always a need for families that can support siblings, older youth, and young people with complex needs through adoption; and

WHEREAS; relatives, like-kin, and those with the desire to grow their family solidify their commitment through adoption, paving the way for more families to meet the need for thriving and supportive homes; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating 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 2021 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 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State