

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

WHEREAS; every child, regardless of age, gender, race, or ability deserves a loving, supportive, nurturing, and permanent family to call their own, and adoption creates a unique opportunity to improve and enrich the lives of Wisconsin's kids; and

WHEREAS; according to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, 681 children across Wisconsin gained a permanent family through public adoption in 2021, 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 families solidify their commitment through adoption, paving the way for more families to meet the need for thriving and supportive homes; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating the thousands of 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 kids throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 19 2022 as

ADOPTION DAY

and November 2022 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 21st day of October 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State