



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: All children in Minnesota deserve to grow up in a nurturing environment, where they feel loved, safe, and stable; and
- WHEREAS: There are hundreds of children in Minnesota's foster care system waiting to be adopted by families who can provide safe, permanent homes; and
- WHEREAS: It is crucial for older children, as well as younger children, to have adoptive families, and for sibling groups to be adopted together to maintain family bonds; and
- WHEREAS: Foster children and sibling groups adopted last year have been able to grow and prosper in permanent homes that are nurturing environments with loving families; and
- WHEREAS: One of the greatest gifts a person can give is opening their heart and home to a child or sibling group from the foster care system. Adopted children have a positive impact on families and bring great happiness; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the commitment of adoptive parents who support children in crisis and continue to invest in their future by raising them in loving homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2013, as:

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21st day of October.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE