STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are thousands of children throughout New Jersey and our Nation who cannot be raised by their birth families, yet are fully deserving of the same love, compassion and care that other children receive; and

WHEREAS, as our children will one day inherit our society, it is of utmost importance that they receive the nurturing and guidance that will allow them to develop to their fullest potential and lead healthy and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, adopting a child is a truly noble gesture that represents an enormous amount of concern and compassion on the part of the adopting parent or parents, who have chosen a recipient for their love and protection; and

WHEREAS, the happiness and joy of adoption can result in persons of different backgrounds coming together in a family unit; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey recognizes the importance and contributions of all parents who have made the decision to open their hearts and homes to a child in need, especially those who have adopted adolescents, siblings and children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, and recognizing that Saturday, November 19, 2016 is National Adoption Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 2016
AS
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and urge those individuals who are considering adoption as a way of building a family to take advantage of the special educational and informational programs offered during this month through the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and other organizations.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-first day of October in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

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