



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of thousands of children nationwide and many in New Jersey who, for various reasons, cannot be raised by their birth families; and

WHEREAS, whether domestic or international, privately or state-coordinated, adoption can create safety, stability and connectedness for children in new families; and

WHEREAS, adoption offers permanency to children of all ages when in-home supports and family reunification are not possible; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve and should have the nurturing and guidance of a family that will help them to develop physically and emotionally to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, adoption can provide an important sense of belonging and assurance to children, particularly adolescents, sibling groups and children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has finalized over twenty-four hundred adoptions for children in need of forever families over the past three years; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness and to promote forever families, November 19, 2022 has been declared National Adoption Day;

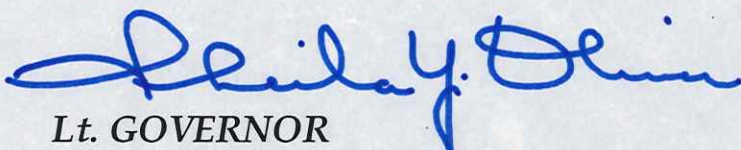
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 2022 AS ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



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


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