

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; the State of Wisconsin recognizes that families are the primary source of support, love, identity, and hope for children, and are the very foundation of our communities and our state; and

*WHEREAS*; every child, regardless of age, gender, race, or physical and emotional challenges needs a family to call their own; and

*WHEREAS*; families that adopt children provide a nurturing environment for children to grow and prosper; and

*WHEREAS*; committed foster families often adopt foster children, resulting in an ongoing need for more foster families; and

*WHEREAS*; throughout our state, more than 10,000 children have gained the warmth and fellowship of a permanent family through adoption; and

*WHEREAS*; there are approximately 325 children in foster care in Wisconsin, waiting for a compassionate family to open their hearts and homes to them; and

*WHEREAS*; there are a multitude of individuals in public, private, and tribal agencies working together to support Wisconsin's children and families, and informing the public of the importance of adoption;

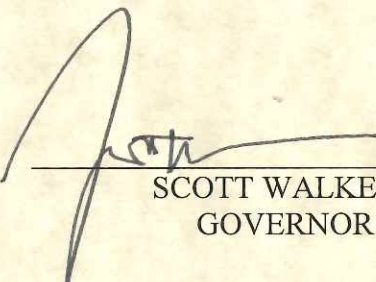
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim November 2017 as

### ADOPTION MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State