

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Vermont recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption, and recognizes the complexity of being an adopted person, the grief of birth parents, the selflessness of adoptive parents, and the bravery of families formed through adoption; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's future depends on today's children; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, approximately 109,000 children in foster care are awaiting permanent families; and

WHEREAS, since January 1st, 2024, over 150 adoptions have occurred in the state of Vermont, representing children adopted following child welfare involvement, private and intercountry minor adoptions, adoptions of children by their step or second parent, and adult adoptions; and

WHEREAS, approximately 80 children in Vermont are waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts and agencies across the nation will strive to raise awareness surrounding adoption in the month of November; and

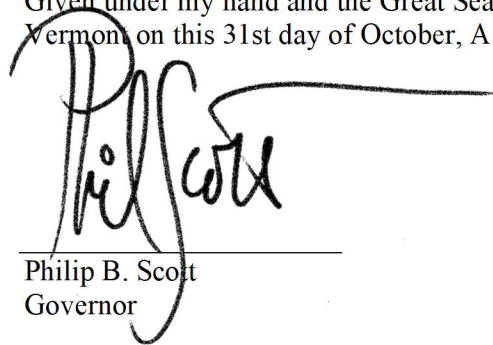
WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar efforts in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption; and

WHEREAS, Vermont honors the crucial needs of these children and all of those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families, to ensure children have permanent loving families to grow up in.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim the month of November, 2024 as


ADOPTION MONTH
in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont, on this 31st day of October, A.D. 2024.



Philip B. Scott
Governor





Brittney J. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs