



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 107,000 children in the United States foster care system, including 4,316 in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, adoption can provide our children with loving adult connections that are critical to lifelong development; and

WHEREAS, Nevada has 670 children awaiting adoption, and 79 youth ages 15 to 18 awaiting adoption; and

WHEREAS, older youth in foster care face a greater challenge of achieving a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 19, 2016 to finalize adoptions and join other organizations in celebration of all adoptions; and

WHEREAS, we honor and support those who open their hearts and their homes to provide children with a stable and loving home and family through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 25th day of October, 2016.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Burton K. Segorste
Secretary of State

By *Scott Anderson*
Deputy