

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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## RESOLUTION

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

**WHEREAS**, 12,092 children are currently residing in foster home or other out-of-home placement settings in the state of Ohio, and 2,530 of the children in foster care are waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, children awaiting adoption are older, and/or siblings who desire to grow up together; however, children who wait the longest for adoptive families are often children with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, providing a child with a loving family and a safe place to grow up is one of life's greatest and most generous gifts; and

**WHEREAS**, children can succeed and reach their full potential when they have positive relationships with caring adults and are placed in permanent homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio recognizes the partnerships of many agencies and groups making adoption for children in foster care possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and other public and private child caring agencies throughout the state work diligently in search of permanent homes for Ohio's children in need.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby recognize November 17, 2012 as

## ADOPTION DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all citizens to celebrate this worthy occasion and continue to open their hearts and homes to our children waiting to be adopted.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012;



John R. Kasich  
Governor

