

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a loving, stable family, yet sadly, many children in America have parents who are unwilling or unable to care for them; and

WHEREAS, more than 107,000 children in the United States are currently in foster care waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, for our children who have lost their birth families, adoption can provide the home life, parental love, nurturing, and security that they would, otherwise, be missing; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's future depends on today's children, and the state is committed to helping all children reach their full potential in supportive families; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, local courts in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 19, 2011, to finalize the adoptions of children and join other organizations to celebrate these adoptions; and

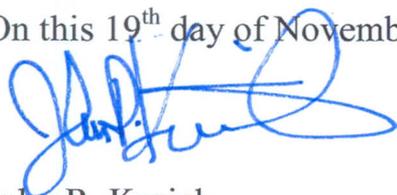
WHEREAS, it is important to involve the media, private and public agencies, adoptive parents, advocacy groups, civic and church groups, and businesses in providing publicity and information to heighten community awareness of the crucial needs of these children and of all those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 19, 2011 as

ADOPTION DAY

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to celebrate adoptive families in Ohio and to commit ourselves to finding each of our children a loving family home.

On this 19th day of November, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

