



STATE OF MISSOURI
Proclamation
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, every child deserves a loving family dedicated to helping them grow, learn, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, children who are unable to safely remain with their biological families deserve to have a safe, permanent place to call home; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,000 children are awaiting adoptive families in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, once a child is legally available for adoption, they spend an average of two and a half years waiting to connect with an adoptive family; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services Children's Division is dedicated to raising awareness of the need for additional adoptive families in Missouri to ensure more children can be placed in safe, loving, and permanent homes; and

WHEREAS, observing Adoption Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions of adoptive parents, who continually strive to improve the quality of life for the children they bring into their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE KEHOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,
do hereby proclaim November 2025 to be

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 20th day of October 2025.



Michael Kehoe
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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Denny Hoskins
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SECRETARY OF STATE