



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Providing our young Texans with the care, guidance, and support they need to grow up to be successful adults and reach their full potential is our greatest responsibility, and that begins with providing a safe, nurturing environment for them to grow up in. However, many Texas children are unfortunately faced with the reality of being parentless, a void that is filled by the thousands of Texans who have answered the call to adopt.

Cecilia and I know firsthand how adoption has the power to change lives. Adoption is a blessing not only for the child, but also for the adults welcoming a new child into their family. Every child deserves to feel valued, secure and loved, and that is achieved every day through adoption. Choosing to adopt is a lifelong commitment, and those who make that decision to adopt, as well as the numerous other individuals and organizations who have made a difference in the lives of children, embody the compassion, warmth and generosity Texans are so proud of.

Each year, the month of November is dedicated to recognizing the Americans who have opened their hearts and their homes to children through adoption, and to raising awareness about adoption. This year, Cecilia and I ask that all Texans join us in celebrating the families and lives that have been made whole through adoption, while also remembering all of the children who are still waiting for their forever families, and those who are waiting for their chance to become adoptive parents.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 2017 to be

Adoption Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 27th day of November, 2017.


Governor of Texas