

State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** every child in America deserves to grow up in a loving, stable family, yet sadly, many children 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,** Vermont'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 the 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 the 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; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 19 2011 as

**ADOPTION DAY**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this \_\_\_\_ day of October, A.D. 2011

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor