

State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2013

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire recognizes the fact that it is every child's basic right to belong to a secure, loving, and permanent family and that professionals work hard to implement this philosophy; and

WHEREAS, More than 104,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted and 24 children here in New Hampshire are currently waiting for an adoptive family; and

WHEREAS, Children waiting for adoptive parents and families who have adopted these children deserve community and public agency support to sustain their adoptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 2013** as **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH** in the State of New Hampshire, and encourage all residents to recognize the dedicated efforts of the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, private agencies, and individuals who work to ensure every child the right to a stable and loving family environment.

Given this 13th day of November, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-eight.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor