

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

A Proclamation

ADOPTION DAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2013

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, More than 104,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 168 children in New Hampshire are waiting for permanent families; and

WHEREAS, To help these children find permanent, nurturing families, courts across New Hampshire will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 23, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

WHEREAS, This effort, along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **NOVEMBER 23, 2013**, as **ADOPTION DAY** in the State of New Hampshire and urge all residents to join in a this effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

Given this 1st 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