



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Jack Dalrymple
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2016

WHEREAS, each November during this special season of giving thanks through the United States, we celebrate the selfless acts of compassion and love that unite children with adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve a family that can provide security, warmth, and unconditional love to help them succeed; and

WHEREAS, last year, 365 adoptions took place in North Dakota – with 147 children adopted from foster care, 33 infants adopted with the assistance of private licensed child placing agency involvement, 7 adoptions of foreign born children, and 178 children adopted by a stepparent; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 35 children in North Dakota that are currently waiting for an adoptive family to be identified and there are many children in foster care that currently have identified families who are in the process of adopting them.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2016, **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.



Jack Dalrymple
Governor

ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State