

# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the theme for November 2016 is “National Adoption Month – We Never Outgrow the Need for Family, Just Ask Us;”and

**WHEREAS**, over 14,034 Ohio children are currently residing in foster homes or other out-of-home placement settings; and

**WHEREAS**, 2,446 of the children in foster care are waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,169 of those children awaiting adoption are 12 years and older; and

**WHEREAS**, those waiting children age 12 and older have been in foster care for an average of 1,636 days, or 4 years and 6 months; and

**WHEREAS**, providing an older child with lifelong positive connections is one of life’s greatest gifts; and

**WHEREAS**, these children can succeed and reach their full potential when they are prepared for adoption and their voices are heard; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption offers a unique experience that positively impacts children and enriches the lives of the adoptive families who welcome them; and

**WHEREAS**, no child should linger in foster care or leave the system at any age without a permanent family of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services along with other public and private child caring agencies throughout the state work diligently in search of safe, stable, and permanent homes for Ohio’s most vulnerable children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, JOHN R. KASICH AND MARY TAYLOR, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 2016 as**

## ADOPTION RECOGNITION AND RECRUITMENT MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in its observance and continue to open their hearts and homes to our children in foster care who are waiting to be adopted.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2016;

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

