

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is paramount that Florida's children and families have the opportunities necessary to reach their full potential and lead healthy lives to ensure they can have a bright future; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve a loving, supportive, nurturing, and permanent family of their own; and

WHEREAS, adoption is an opportunity to change the lives of a child and their adoptive family while making an impact on local communities; and

WHEREAS, anyone with the ability to love a child, provide the basics for a child, and to make a lifelong commitment can be an adoptive parent; and

WHEREAS, 4,572 Florida children found forever homes during Fiscal Year 2018-2019; and

WHEREAS, approximately 800 Florida children are available for adoption without an identified adoptive family, including teenagers, sibling groups, and children with medical needs; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet and through her "Hope for Healing Florida" program, First Lady Casey DeSantis is working alongside state agencies to improve the health, safety, economic stability, and quality of life of our children; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, the Florida Department of Children and Families, Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, Heart Galleries, state and local agencies, and child advocacy organizations join together in November to raise awareness of foster care adoptions in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida will celebrate National Adoption Month and Florida Adoption Month through 30 Days of Amazing Children on the Explore Adoption website at www.adoptflorida.org.

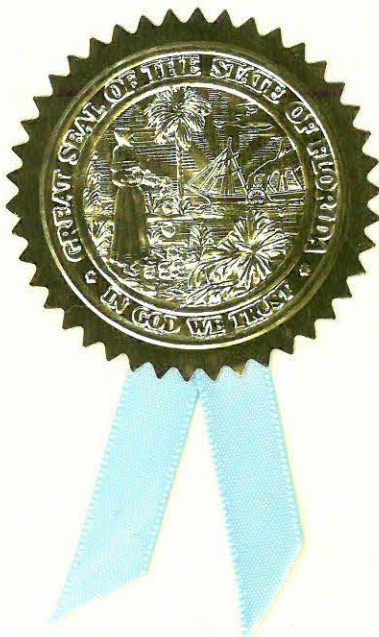
WHEREAS, families and children across the state and nation will celebrate adoption on November 23, 2019, recognized as National Adoption Day, while also remembering the children who are still in need of a loving, permanent family of their own.

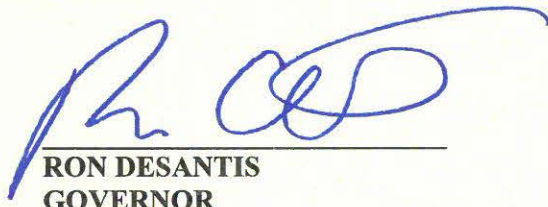
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby recognize November 2019 as

FLORIDA ADOPTION MONTH

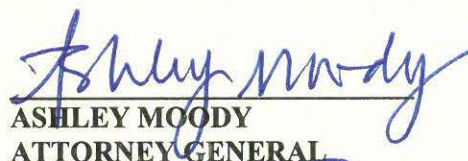
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida encourage all Floridians to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in this state who are in need of a forever family.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the official seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the city of Tallahassee this 22nd day of October, 2019.

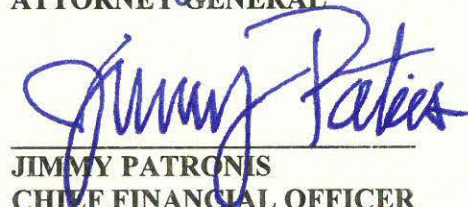




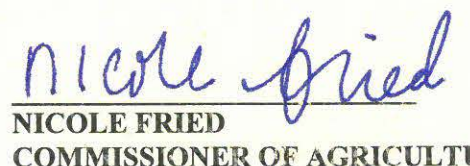
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