



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves a safe, loving and permanent family; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the life-changing process of adoption and bring our focus to the families in our community who have adopted; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the complex nature of adoption; the simultaneous joy of caring for and loving a child coupled with the pain and loss of biological connections and relationships; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 365 children in the State of Tennessee available for adoption without an identified pre-adoptive home; and

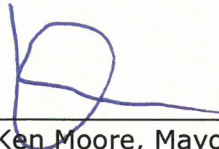
WHEREAS, adoptive families, birth families, children waiting to be adopted and children without permanency are vulnerable and need the support, encouragement and respect of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Children's Services, Tennessee Kids Belong, The Heart Gallery of Tennessee, and other organizations are bringing attention to the children in Tennessee available for adoption by giving them a face and a voice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of Franklin, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2019 as

National Adoption Awareness Month

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of November 2019.



Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor
Franklin, Tennessee