

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the theme for November 2017 is “National Adoption Month – Teens Need Families, No Matter What;” and

WHEREAS, over 15,341 Ohio children are currently residing in foster homes or other out-of-home placement settings; and

WHEREAS, 2,671 of the children in foster care are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, 1,103 of those children awaiting adoption are 13 years and older; and

WHEREAS, those waiting children age 13 and older have been in foster care for an average of 1,657 days, or 4 years, 6 months and 2 weeks; 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 2017 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 1st day of November 2017;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

