



State of New York  
Executive Chamber

Proclamation

**Whereas**, each November brings the time of year when Americans offer thanks for the abundant blessings of this great Nation – especially our homes and families – and also the annual observance of Adoption Month, and the citizens of New York State support this meaningful occasion by continuing a longstanding tradition of opening their hearts to children in need of a permanent home; and

**Whereas**, the youth of the Empire State are precious to each of us and represent our greatest hope for the future, and all children deserve a nurturing, safe and stable environment in which they can grow up to enjoy the benefits of a healthy and productive life; and

**Whereas**, it is important that we remember all the children who are in foster care waiting to be adopted as part of a loving and caring family; and

**Whereas**, finding nurturing, permanent homes for waiting children is an objective New York State works toward throughout the year and, during Adoption Month, special efforts are made to bring greater awareness of the need for adoptive families; and

**Whereas**, while all youth require the support and security that comes from a loving family, some children awaiting adoption may have special needs, and caring for and finding happiness in raising these children has proven to be one of the most rewarding experiences for many adoptive parents; and

**Whereas**, in observing Adoption Month, we also recognize the valuable contributions of adoptive parents who continually strive to improve the quality of life for the children they bring into their lives; and

**Whereas**, as we gather together as a family, community, State and Nation to celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings, it is the hope of New Yorkers that all children awaiting adoption will quickly be placed in a permanent and loving family and, therefore, it is fitting to promote the goals of this observance during this special season, which gives us so many reasons to be grateful;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Eliot Spitzer, Governor of New York State, do hereby recognize November 2007 as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH



**Given** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirtieth day  
of October in the year two thousand seven.

  
Governor

  
Secretary to the Governor