

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2017;

John R. Kasich  
Governor

Mary Taylor  
Lieutenant Governor

