


STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, *adoption is a rewarding and enriching experience for individuals and couples who want to provide children with a stable, loving family environment; and*

WHEREAS, *Illinois is recognized as a national leader in finding permanent homes for waiting children, placing more than 50,000 foster children into adoptive and subsidized guardianship homes since 1997; and*

WHEREAS, *largely because of its success in adoption recruitment, Illinois has become the first state in the nation to support more children in permanent adoption guardianship placements than in substitute care; and*

WHEREAS, *the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Child Care Association of Illinois, the Adoption Information Center of Illinois, the Illinois Adoption Advisory Council, the Illinois Foster and Adoptive Parent Association, the Chicago Bar Association, and the many Illinois child welfare agencies and adoptive parent groups all encourage families to consider adopting a child in need of a home; and*

WHEREAS, *hundreds of children in Illinois are still awaiting adoption;*

THEREFORE, I, Rod R. Blagojevich, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 2007 as **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH** in Illinois, and encourage all families to consider adopting a child into their family.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Debra White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this SEVENTEENTH day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
SEVEN, and of the State of Illinois
the one hundred and EIGHTY-NINTH

Rod Blagojevich

GOVERNOR