
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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OCTOBER 25, 2000

A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating November 2000 as "National Adoption Awareness
2 Month."

3 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is committed to helping to find
4 safe, permanent and loving homes for children in need of such
5 homes through adoption; and

6 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has demonstrated this commitment
7 through its many programs, including the Pennsylvania Adoption
8 Exchange, the Statewide Adoption Network, the website
9 www.adoptpakids.org, and the toll-free hotline 1-800-585-SWAN;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, During the fiscal year 1999-2000, over 2,000

1 children found permanent homes through adoption in this
2 Commonwealth, more than any other fiscal year; and

3 WHEREAS, Despite these many successes, there is still a need
4 for permanent, loving homes for as many as 5,348 children in
5 this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, The many caring families that open their arms and
7 hearts to children through adoption need to be recognized and
8 honored; and

9 WHEREAS, November 2000 marks the tenth anniversary of
10 Adoption Month observances in the United States and the twenty-
11 fourth anniversary of the nation's first Adoption Week;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth commemorate November 2000 as
14 "National Adoption Awareness Month" and recommit itself through
15 such commemoration to the goal of helping to find permanent,
16 loving homes for every child in this Commonwealth who needs one.