State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH
NOVEMBER 2009

WHEREAS, every child deserves a permanent, caring family and the opportunity to grow in a secure environment; and

WHEREAS, adoption is a loving and viable way of building a family and providing stability for children who need families; 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, last year, 322 adoptions took place in North Dakota, with 126 children adopted from foster care, 20 adoptions of foreign born children, 44 healthy infant adoptions and 132 children adopted by their step-parent; and

WHEREAS, each November, we offer thanks for the abundant blessings of our great nation – especially our homes and families – and commemorate Adoption Awareness Month, highlighting a longstanding tradition of generosity among many North Dakotans who willingly open their hearts to children in need of a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month is an opportunity to celebrate all families built through adoption, and to commend the many professionals and advocates that further adoption efforts in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 2009, **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

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