

As Adopted by the Senate

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S. R. No. 217

Senator Huffman, S.

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing November 20, 2021 as National Adoption Day in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize November 20, 2021 as National Adoption Day in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Each day, numerous children across the country enter the foster system after escaping from abuse or neglect, and yet one fifth of those children will age out of foster care without ever being adopted. National Adoption Day was created to help find those children loving homes, and we, not simply as Ohioans but as human beings, must all do our part to ensure that they are afforded the opportunities for love and care that they so deserve; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to the initiative of numerous dedicated organizations, more than 50,000 children in foster care across the country were adopted last year, of which eighty were processed by the Montgomery County Probate Court. While finding the safety and comfort that has so far eluded them is joyous, there is still more that can be done, and we cannot rest until a brighter future is in sight for those who remain. Indeed, we praise the many dynamic agencies across our state and nation that are tackling these issues head-on and helping people learn more about the adoption process so as to build a better Ohio for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, As we observe National Adoption Day in Ohio, we encourage all people to take part by learning more and by encouraging those who can, to consider adoption, and for those unable to adopt, to participate in the system that still needs support so as to help make a difference in a child's life. Only by helping our most vulnerable populations can we move forward into a promising future, and we hope

all Ohioans will participate in events that are in support of this 27
occasion; therefore be it 28

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 134th General 29
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize November 20, 30
2021 as National Adoption Day in Ohio; and be it further 31

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 32
copies of this Resolution to the Montgomery County Probate Court and 33
the news media of Ohio. 34