

State of Misconsin 2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 75

October 22, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives TITL, ALLEN, BOWEN, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, DUCHOW, GOYKE, HORLACHER, HUTTON, JACQUE, KERKMAN, KLEEFISCH, KOOYENGA, KREMER, KRUG, MILROY, NOVAK, PETRYK, ROHRKASTE, SPREITZER, SUBECK, THIESFELDT and JORGENSEN, cosponsored by Senators LEMAHIEU, BEWLEY, COWLES, MARKLEIN, OLSEN, RISSER, STROEBEL and VINEHOUT. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1	Relating to: proclaiming November 2015 as Adoption Month in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, November is National Adoption Month, and this year's theme, "We
3	Never Outgrow the Need for Family," highlights older youth waiting for adoption;
4	and
5	Whereas, in 2014 there were 1,214 children in out-of-home care as preadoptive
6	cases in Wisconsin, and there are currently around 350 kids in foster care who need
7	to find their forever family; and
8	Whereas, about 700 children are adopted each year from the Special Needs
9	Adoption Program; and
10	Whereas, more children become available for adoption each year than are
11	adopted; and
12	Whereas, a forever family provides lifelong benefits for children and parents
13	alike; and
14	Whereas, nearly 40 percent of American adults have considered adopting a
15	child, according to the National Adoption Attitudes Survey; and

1	Whereas, if just one in 500 of these adults adopted, every waiting child in foster
2	care would have a forever family, and
3	Whereas, Adoption Month is a time when we can encourage our neighbors and
4	friends to consider opening their hearts to children in need; and
5	Whereas, every child in foster care deserves the chance to have the warmth and
6	stability of a permanent home and nurturing family; now, therefore, be it
7	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the legislature
8	hereby proclaims November 2015 as Adoption Month in Wisconsin.
9	(END)