

IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE: THE DESIGNATION OF THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER AS
ADOPTION MONTH

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-37


NOW, on this 9th day of November, 2023 the following has been brought to the attention of the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa:

1. The month of December 2023 is a special month for the children whose adoptions will be finalized by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, and the children who were placed in adoptive homes by private child-placing agencies and independent placers during the previous fiscal year; and
2. All children need the care, love, security, and stability of family unity, including parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members, to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity; and
3. It is through the selfless giving of adoptive families that bonds of love, attachment and trust are formed, creating a nurturing family life for a special child; and
4. Every successful adoption is more than an achievement for a child and their adoptive family; It is a success story in which all in Iowa can share; and
5. Iowa's future depends on today's children and the State is committed to helping all children grow and develop to their full potential.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the month of December shall be and is hereby designated *Adoption Month* in the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED December 15, 2023, is hereby designated the Twentieth Annual *Adoption Day* in the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.


MICHAEL D. HUPPERT, Chief Judge
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

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