

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes the importance of helping children in foster care find permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, more than 9,100 children are currently living in foster care in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,320 of those children currently in foster care have been legally and permanently separated from their parents and are waiting for families to belong to; and

WHEREAS, outreach to adoptive families has been identified as a critical step in moving children more quickly out of foster care and into loving, permanent homes; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is celebrated annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to raise awareness of more than 120,000 foster children across the United states who are waiting for “forever families”; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County Superior Court has led the effort to make National Adoption Day a meaningful, local event in our community; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find new homes, the Superior Court of Snohomish County will celebrate National Adoption Day, Friday, November 19, by finalizing the adoptions of 33 local children and 29 loving families and by joining other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

WHEREAS, this effort, along with celebrations around the country, will offer children a chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other adults to consider making a powerful difference in the life of a child through adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2010, as

National Adoption Day in Snohomish County

and urge all citizens to join the effort to raise awareness for the thousands of children waiting to find forever families.

Signed this 19th day of November, 2010

Aaron G. Reardon
County Executive