EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

All of California's children deserve a happy and stable home life. The love a family provides helps our youth become successful adults. Parents also serve as role models for their kids and play a crucial role in helping them make smart choices as they grow. However, sometimes a child's biological parents are unable to care for them, and as a result, many caring foster and adoptive parents step up and take on that role, ensuring that our young people receive the love and guidance they need.

Many people in our state work tirelessly to help find homes for children who cannot return to their biological parents, and I applaud their outstanding efforts. My gratitude also goes to our state's foster parents who open their hearts to support children in need. Their kindness nurtures these kids and gives them the opportunity to build bright futures.

This month, we join together to recognize the great contributions that foster and adoptive parents make in our Golden State, as well as remind ourselves that there is still a need for many permanent homes for California children in foster care. I thank all those who work to give our youth safe and healthy homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim November 2008, as "California Court Adoption and Permanency Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of October 2008.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State