



ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Children deserve a loving, nurturing and permanent home; and
- WHEREAS,** Tragically, there are abused and neglected children who are waiting for such a home; many are older boys, girls and teenagers who may have unique medical, psychological or physical needs; and
- WHEREAS,** In New York State 2,036 children were adopted from foster care in 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** In New York State, currently there are over 19,000 children who remain in foster care; and
- WHEREAS,** In New York State there are 700 children and youth waiting to be placed in a nurturing, safe and permanent adoptive home; and
- WHEREAS,** In Ulster County 24 children were adopted from foster care in 2013; and
- WHEREAS,** In Ulster County there are currently 134 children in foster care; and
- WHEREAS,** There are families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs and we are grateful and appreciative of adoptive parents and families for all that they do; and
- WHEREAS,** There are resources available in Ulster County for the aid of children and youths in foster care; and
- WHEREAS,** Raising awareness of the needs of children and youth in foster care is important to encourage an increase in adoptions of children from foster care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael P. Hein, Executive of the County of Ulster, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2014, as

National Adoption Month in Ulster County

The County of Ulster

Michael P. Hein, County Executive

Date: November 4, 2014

