

City of Norfolk
Virginia

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, each November during this special season of giving thanks, we celebrate the selfless acts of compassion and love that unite children with adoptive families; and*

***WHEREAS**, all children deserve a family that can provide security, warmth and unconditional love to help them succeed; and*

***WHEREAS**, last year in Virginia, 747 children were adopted from foster care, 23 in Norfolk; and*

***WHEREAS**, there are approximately 800 children in Virginia and 80 children in Norfolk who are currently waiting for an adoptive family, and there are many children in foster care that currently have identified families who are in the process of adopting them.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. FRAIM, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Norfolk, and urge all citizens, community agencies, businesses and others to join in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption and focus attention on those children who live in the shadow of an uncertain future while they await permanent families.

Given under my hand this 25th day of November 2014.





PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR