

# The National Conference of Black Mayors

## *Proclamation Supporting*

## *National Adoption Day*

**WHEREAS**, The National Conference of Black Mayors recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, More than 107,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, Every successful adoption is more than an achievement for these children and their adoptive families; it is a success story in which all residents of our communities can share; and

**WHEREAS**, Our city's future depends on today's children and the state is committed to helping all children grow and develop to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, To help these children find permanent, nurturing families, we urge the local courts of our communities to open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 19, to finalize the adoptions of children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

**WHEREAS**: This effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District Columbia and Puerto Rico will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The National Conference of Black Mayors by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2011, as **NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY** in our cities, and in so doing, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereby set my hand and have caused the Seal of the National Conference of Black Mayors to be affixed this 10th day of November 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Bowser".

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Mayor Robert L. Bowser, NCBM President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vanessa R. Williams".

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Vanessa R. Williams, Executive Director