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Good Afternoon Doug,

Today there are more than 100,000 children waiting to be a part of loving and permanent families. Every year, one day is dedicated to creating these very special families. National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of children in foster care who are waiting for families. This year, on Saturday, November 19th, an unprecedented number of courts and communities across the nation will come together to finalize thousands of adoptions of children from foster care and to celebrate all families who adopt. We hope that South Carolina will participate this year!

There are a number of ways you can show your commitment to children in foster care and raise public awareness about the need for individuals to step forward and better the lives of these children.

*Below are a few suggestions for how to get involved this year:*

- Use your blog, Facebook, or Twitter accounts to share messages about foster care adoption using the hashtag: #natladoptionday
- Attend a National Adoption Day Event (contact me for more details about events in your area)
- Host a news conference at your local National Adoption Day event
- Issue a news release to show your concern for children waiting for adoption
- Submit an op-ed to your local paper to raise awareness about the need for adoption
- Send a letter of commendation to your local National Adoption Day event organizers congratulating their efforts
- Express interest in being available for TV, radio and print media opportunities
- Send a letter of encouragement urging judges and child welfare administrators in your state to coordinate National Adoption Day events
- Call your colleagues and elected officials in your state urging them to get involved

Be sure to also see how others have participated for examples of past participation from elected officials across the country.

For sample support materials and templates, click [here](#).

National Adoption Day is sponsored nationally by the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, Children's Action Network and The Alliance for Children's Rights, along with the support of many local organizations, adoption advocates and individual volunteers.

Thank you for your support of National Adoption Day! For more information visit [nationaladoptionday.org](http://nationaladoptionday.org).

Sincerely,

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