



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 71

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1 **Relating to:** Wisconsin Adoption Month.

2 Whereas, since 1995, American presidents have proclaimed each November as
3 National Adoption Month and have asked the people of the United States to observe
4 the month by answering the call to find a permanent and caring family for every child
5 in need and by supporting the families that care for them; and

6 Whereas, in Wisconsin in 2010, 1,159 foster children in Wisconsin were waiting
7 to be adopted and these children risk reaching adulthood without permanent
8 families of their own; and

9 Whereas, foster care was intended to be temporary, but many Wisconsin
10 children remain in foster homes for long periods, the average length of stay in foster
11 care being more than three and a half years; and

12 Whereas, older children in Wisconsin are less likely to be adopted than younger
13 ones, the average age of adopted children being 6.2 years while the average age of
14 children waiting to be adopted is 7.7 years; and

