

House Bill 2019

Sponsored by Representative ELMER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Creates a new state day to celebrate adoption. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.8).
Designates August 25 of each year as Oregon Adoption Day.
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Oregon Adoption Day; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas every child deserves a happy childhood and a permanent, nurturing and loving family;
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5 Whereas every day, families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated in-
6 dividuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

7 Whereas nearly a quarter of individuals in the United States have considered adoption, but
8 many individuals have misperceptions about the process of adopting children; and

9 Whereas it is essential that national, state and local governments strive to make it easier for
10 more children to find safe and caring homes and to ensure that adoptive families have the support
11 they need; and

12 Whereas National Adoption Day currently raises awareness of children in foster care, but it is
13 equally important that we celebrate individuals of all ages who are adoptees and honor all families
14 that have been built through adoption; and

15 Whereas an annual statewide day of celebration in Oregon will recognize the bonds of love
16 shared by adoptive families across this state and celebrate the thousands of adoptive families who
17 have opened their hearts to provide safe and caring homes; and

18 Whereas bringing awareness to adoption through an annual statewide day of celebration will
19 encourage more Oregonians to consider growing their families through adoption; now, therefore,

20 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

21 **SECTION 1.** August 25 of each year is designated as Oregon Adoption Day.

22 **SECTION 2.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
23 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
24 on its passage.

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