Erin Kiernan is coanchor of the WHO Channel 13 evening news team and an advocate for adoption and adoptive parents’ rights. Kiernan, who grew up in western Nebraska, became pregnant at age 16 and chose adoption for her son, who is now in his twenties and remains an important part of her life. Last fall she and husband, Michael Kiernan, made public their eight-year struggle to start a family of their own, a process that involved multiple rounds of artificial insemination and in vitro fertilization and an unfulfilled adoption plan. The experience prompted her to help spearhead a bill in the Iowa legislature that would guarantee an adoptive parent the same maternity leave as a birth mother. Today, Erin and Michael are the proud parents of a nearly-one-year-old son, and Erin shares openly her unique perspective on parenthood.

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