Proclamation

"National Adoption Month"

November 2022

Whereas, each month an average of 32 abused and neglected children in the care of Adams County Human Services are waiting for a loving, nurturing, and permanent home; and,

Whereas, these children are not the newborns most people picture when they think of adoption. Generally, they are older boys and girls and teenagers who may have unique medical, psychological, or physical needs; and,

Whereas, nearly all of these children have special needs because of physical, mental, or emotional disabilities because they must be placed as a sibling group because they are minorities or school aged; and,

Whereas, these children need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships; and,

Whereas, as a result of the partnership between Adams County and the 17th Judicial District Court, Adams County anticipates finalizing 120 adoptions in 2022; and,

Whereas, there are families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs; and,

Whereas, it is important to stress that a disability, low income, or unmarried status does not preclude the right to adopt; and,

Whereas, children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children, require and deserve community and public agency support.

How, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims November 2022 as

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and the local courts of Adams County will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Friday, November 18, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed November 1, 2022.