

**Proclamation**  
**“National Adoption Day”**  
**November 19, 2021**

**Whereas**, each month an average of 27 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 they must be placed as a sibling group; because of physical, mental, or emotional disabilities; because they are minorities; or because they are 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 140 adoptions in 2021; and

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

**Whereas**, the local courts of Adams County will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Friday, November 19, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims November 19, 2021 as

**“National Adoption Day”**

and recognizes the entire month of November 2021 as National Adoption Month in Adams County, and urges all residents to join the national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed November 9, 2021.*