

Proclamation
“National Adoption Month”
November 2017

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 of physical, mental or emotional disabilities, because they must be placed as a sibling group, 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 2017; 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.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims November 2017 as

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in Adams County, and urges all citizens to join in a 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 14, 2017.