

Proclamation

Kinship Care Month, September 2024

Whereas, the family unit is a vital structure for providing Adams County's children with love, dignity, and belonging; and

Whereas, while every family is unique, a sense of physical and emotional safety, encouragement, and stability is vital to children's emotional, physical, and developmental health; and

Whereas, in Adams County, there are many grandparents caring for their grandchildren and countless more aunts, uncles, siblings, friends, neighbors, coaches, and mentors also caring for children and youth; and

Whereas, children who live with kin retain familial, cultural, and community ties, maintain a sense of identity, connection to family, stability and permanency, as well as minimized trauma; and

Whereas, Adams County is committed to honoring and supporting kinship families by helping connect them with services designed to assist families across the state through community collaboration and the Colorado Kinconnected Kinship Navigator Program; and

Whereas, National Kinship Care Month provides the opportunity for Adams County to partner with families and collaborate with public and private organizations to uplift a kin-first culture, in which:

- children are raised within their families when it most makes sense,
- families' strengths and expertise are valued, and
- their rights are respected.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, proclaims the month of September 2024, as **KINSHIP CARE MONTH**.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed
September 17, 2024.*