

# Proclamation

## National Adoption Awareness Month

November 2024

**Whereas**, each month an average of 29 abused and neglected children in the care of Adams County Human Services are waiting for a loving, nurturing and permanent home;

**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;

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

**Whereas**, as a result of the partnership between Adams County and the 17th Judicial District Court, Adams County anticipates finalizing 100 adoptions in 2024; and

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

**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 2024 as National Adoption Awareness Month and the local courts of Adams County will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Friday, November 22, 2024 to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions. And in doing so, 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 5, 2024.*