

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 25-335

PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2025 AS "NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH" IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, November is observed as "National Adoption Month" throughout the United States to expand awareness of the importance of adoption and to highlight the remarkable acts of compassion and care that unite youth in foster care with their adoptive families. Adoption provides youth in the child welfare system the opportunity to have a secure and loving upbringing; and

WHEREAS, 288 adoptions have been finalized in Fresno County as of June 2025, a 13% increase from the previous year. As of July 2025, an estimated 37,805 children in the State of California remain in foster care waiting to be placed in their forever homes with approximately 1,515 of these children in Fresno County. The number of children in foster care has decreased in California by 8% and in Fresno County by 14% since July 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor every adopted child and their dedicated adopted families who provide permanency, stability, and a nurturing environment for these youth to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Board of Supervisors recognizes all private and public adoption agencies within Fresno County committed to finding homes for children in foster care. The Board also wishes to acknowledge the network of devoted social workers, Child Welfare staff, community service providers and County agencies for their tireless efforts to support adopted families and the children in their homes; and

WHEREAS, "National Adoption Month" gives our community a chance to honor and thank the dedicated relatives, resource parents, adopted families, social workers, County agencies, public and private adoption agencies and community partners who are collectively making a meaningful difference in the lives of the children we serve.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 2025 as "National Adoption Month" in the County of Fresno and commend the millions of adopted families for opening their hearts and homes to some of the most vulnerable children.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 18th day of November 2025, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

Ernest Buddy Mendes
Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Handwritten
Deputy