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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
NOVEMBER 2018 AS NATIONAL ADOPTION)
MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-374

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month in November serves as an opportunity to bring awareness to the importance of adoption, which provides much needed homes for children, especially those in foster care. Every young person deserves the love and support of a permanent, forever family in which he or she can thrive, wrapped in the security of unconditional love and a stable environment; and

WHEREAS, In 2016 over 437,465 children and teenagers were in foster care across the nation, with 117,794 of those youth awaiting adoption. In Fresno County, between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, 213 youth were adopted into forever homes, with 51 of those youth between the ages of 8 to 18; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize all private and public adoption agencies within Fresno County committed to finding permanent homes for children in need of safe, loving homes and wishes to honor the dedicated families who have opened their hearts and homes to provide love and support for children; and

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Board of Supervisors wishes to commend the network of committed social workers, community service providers and County agencies for their dedication and support to families and the adopted children in their homes; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month gives this community a chance to honor and commend the dedicated relatives, foster families, adoptive families, social workers, County agencies, public and private adoption agencies, and community partners who have all worked together to ensure a better life for many of our County's young people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 2018 as National Adoption Month in the County of Fresno and encourages caring adults to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

