BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

2

1

3

4

5

6

7 8

9

10

11 12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23 24

25

26

27

RESOLUTION NO. 20-329

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2020 AS) NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH IN FRESNO COUNTY

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, in the security of unconditional love and a stable environment; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, there were 14,860 children in foster care in California, with an approximately 2,300 of these children in Fresno County. Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 Fresno County finalized the adoption of 188 children, despite several months of Juvenile Court closure due to COVID-19; 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 acknowledge 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 2020 as National Adoption Month in the County of Fresno and encourages caring adults to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 3rd day of November, 2020, to-wit:

AYES:

ABSENT:

Supervisors, Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

None NOES:

None

ABSTAINED:

None

Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of

Supervisors of the Country of Fresho

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Fresno, State of California

28