

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**



WHEREAS, every child and youth deserves to grow up in a loving, nurturing, permanent family; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month works to increase awareness and bring attention to the need for permanent families for children and youth in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, securing lifelong nurturing connections for children and youth in foster care, both legally and emotionally, is critical in determining their future achievement, health, and well-being; and

WHEREAS, adoptive parents can provide stable, loving families and a safe and comforting place for children and youth in need; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services recognizes and honors the important work completed by Child Welfare Services (CWS) Social Workers to ensure timely and supportive adoptions services in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, over the last year, CWS has worked collaboratively with state partners to transition adoption services in Humboldt County to the California Department of Social Service (CDSS) state adoptions; and

WHEREAS, CWS continues to work collaboratively with CDSS State Adoptions team to ensure a smooth transition between systems for youth and adoptive families; and

WHEREAS, the Arcata Regional Office of CDSS and Adoption Horizons, acknowledge and place great importance on keeping adopted children and youth with their siblings whenever possible, and on keeping them connected to their birth family, community, Tribes, and culture; and

WHEREAS, approximately 264 Humboldt County children and youth are currently placed in foster care and some of these children and youth will need permanent adoptive homes, and research shows improved outcomes for children and youth provided with the stability and permanency that adoption offers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize November 2023 as Adoption Awareness Month and urges its citizens to celebrate and support the diversity and richness of our adoptive families who provide these special children and youth a place to call home.

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Steve Madrone, Chair