



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C5

For the meeting of: November 7, 2017

Date: October 19, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Proclaim November 2017 as Adoption Awareness Month

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors would like to proclaim November, 2017 as Adoption Awareness Month in Humboldt County. The Board asks that the community join in supporting and applauding families who adopt, and to remember the children who are still waiting for a family.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature 

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Wilson

Ayes Fennell, Bass, Bohn, Wilson

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent Sundberg

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 11/7/17

By: 

Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

PROCLAMATION

OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt recognizes that when families are unable to meet the ongoing needs and security of the children born to them, adoption by caring families provides the stable foundation needed by youth in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services and Adoption Horizons recognize that adoptive family homes consist of a wide variety of backgrounds, including those of all ethnicities, religions, sexual orientations and socioeconomic statuses, who are willing and capable of providing children with safe, stable and committed home and family life; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County DHHS and Adoption Horizons acknowledge and place great importance on keeping adopted children with their siblings whenever possible, and on keeping them connected to their birth family, community, tribes and culture while fostering a permanent, safe home; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County DHHS, in partnership with federally recognized tribes, welcomes the incorporation of cultural responsiveness and local tribal values when facilitating Tribal Customary Adoptions; and

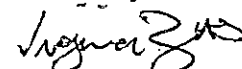
WHEREAS, approximately 398 Humboldt County children and youth are currently in foster care and many of these children will need permanent adoptive homes. Research shows improved outcomes for children provided with the stability and permanency that adoption can offer; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County DHHS has a critical need for homes for children in the foster care system, including adoptive and permanent caregivers willing to support sibling groups, older children and teens; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County DHHS and Adoption Horizons partner to provide assistance and support both to families who are waiting to adopt children and to families who have completed adoptions by providing these families with guidance, education and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes November 2017 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 a place to call home.

DATED: November 7, 2017


Virginia Bass, Chair

