

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2016, AS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Children's Home Society of Florida has upheld our legacy of transforming the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, on any given day approximately 125-175 children are awaiting adoptions on the Treasure Coast, and in the last three years over 450 children have been given the gift of forever families; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Division, works diligently with the Department of Children & Families to ensure that every child has a forever family; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children, require and deserve community and agency support; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Society of Florida, along with its community partners, embraces opportunities that can potentially change the way society cares for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the month of November 2016, be designated as

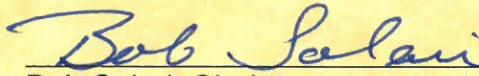
NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

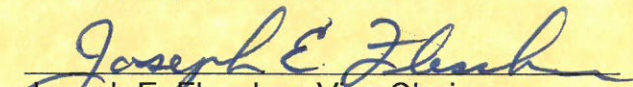
in Indian River County. In honor of this event, we encourage community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, and others to celebrate adoption, honor families that grow through adoption, further an awareness of the changes and issues in adoption, and focus attention on those children who live in the shadow of an uncertain future while they await forever families.

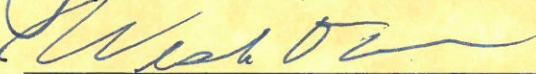
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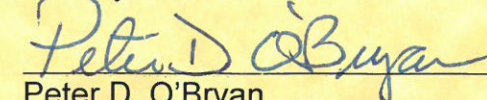
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