

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2018, AS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Place of Hope, the largest and fastest growing foster care organization in the Treasure Coast, and Communities Connected for Kids have upheld our legacy of transforming the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 1,123 children being served by the child welfare system across the Treasure Coast, with 206 children in Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, there are 53 children awaiting adoption without an identified home, 20 from Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, Place of Hope and Communities Connected for Kids work diligently with the Department of Children and Families to ensure that every child has a forever family, evidenced by the 30 families receiving foster to adoption assistance in the Treasure Coast; and

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

WHEREAS, Place of Hope and Communities Connected for Kids, along with community partners, embrace opportunities that can potentially change the way society cares for children and youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the month of November, 2018, 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.

Adopted this 6th day of November, 2018

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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