

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2020, AS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Indian River County recognizes the communal importance of providing children in foster care with safe, permanent homes where they can grow and thrive; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable family; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 50 children awaiting adoption across the Treasure Coast, including six in Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents, and the families who have already adopted or are considering adopting these children, require and deserve community and agency support; and

WHEREAS, Communities Connected for Kids and its network of family support service providers – including Place of Hope, Mount Bethel Human Services, 4Kids Treasure Coast, and Camelot Community Care -- work diligently with the Florida Department of Children and Families to transform the lives of hurting children and their families; and

WHEREAS, this effort -- along with similar celebrations in all 50 states around the country – seeks to inspire dedicated individuals and families to make a profound difference in the life of a child through adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the month of November, 2020, be recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month, and that the Board encourages community and religious organizations, businesses, and others to celebrate adoption, honor families that grow through adoption, and focus attention on those children who live in the shadow of an uncertain future while they await forever families.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2020.

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