

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2017, AS NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Place of Hope and Devereux CBC have upheld our legacy of transforming the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, there are currently 1,007 children being served by the child welfare system across the Treasure Coast, with 179 children in Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, there are 44 children awaiting adoption without an identified home, 20 from Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, Place of Hope and Devereux CBC, work diligently with the Department of Children and 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, Place of Hope and Devereux CBC, along with 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 OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the month of November, 2017, 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 7th day of November, 2017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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