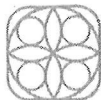


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Proclamation: Urging November 2023 be declared Adoption month

WHEREAS, children are key to the state's future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, all children and youth deserve a safe, loving family, yet in San Francisco, as of October 20, 2023 there are 668 children, youth and young adults (Non-Minor Dependents) in foster care; and

WHEREAS, adoption creates supportive, loving families for children, youth and young adults; and

WHEREAS, in San Francisco we have finalized 66 adoptions in 2022 and 34 adoptions as of now in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the stability and permanency for foster children, youth and young adults is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, permanency is defined as both a process and a result that includes the active involvement of the child or youth, and

WHEREAS, there are no restrictions on who can adopt based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or expression, gender identity or marital status; and

WHEREAS, during National Adoption Month, we celebrate all those who have invited a child, youth and young adult in need into their hearts and into their homes, and express our profound appreciation for all who help make adoptions possible.

WHEREAS, there are dedicated community-based organizations within San Francisco that partner with the Human Services Agency to find families for children, youth and young adults in foster care who are waiting to be adopted; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Human Services Commission proclaim November 2023 as NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH and urges all community members to support and engage in activities that strengthen families and communities to provide the optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children and youth have the benefit of happy, health, and safe homes.

Signature of Scott L. Kahn, President, Human Services Commission

Date: Oct 26, 2023