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Proclamation: Urging November 2022 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 17, there are 561 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 finalized 102 adoptions in 2021 and 55 adoptions to date in 2022; 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 include 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 homes, and we express our profound appreciation for all who help make adoptions possible; and

WHEREAS, there are dedicated community-based organizations within San Francisco that partner with the San Francisco 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 proclaims November 2022 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, healthy, and safe homes.



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