

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE**

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring November 19, 2022 as Adoption Day

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: November 15, 2022

STAFF CONTACTS: Sarah Tuggle, Deputy Chief of Staff to Chair Randall
Arlee Harris, Staff Aide to Supervisor Kershner
Stacy Carey, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Kershner

PURPOSE: National Adoption Day is celebrated annually in November and honors Loudoun County families who provide permanent homes to children through adoption.

RECOMMENDATION: Chair Randall recommends the Board of Supervisors approve a Proclamation recognizing November 19, 2022 as Adoption Day in Loudoun County

BACKGROUND: In November of 2000, a coalition of national partners worked with law firms, state foster care agencies, child advocates, and courts to complete hundreds of foster care adoptions in nine jurisdictions nationwide. The momentum increased every year and in 2011, National Adoption Day was celebrated across the U.S., the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as more than 300 events were held throughout the country to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care, and to celebrate all families who adopt. In total, more than 75,000 children have been adopted from foster care on National Adoption Day. This year we will be celebrating 16 years of Adoption Day in Loudoun County. An average of 10 to 15 families participate in the Adoption Day program each year so more than 200 children have been adopted in the Loudoun County Adoption Day program.

DRAFT MOTION:

1. I move that the Board of Supervisors approve the Proclamation Declaring November 19, 2022, as Adoption Day in Loudoun County, provided as Attachment 1 to the November 15, 2022, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting Action Item.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS All children deserve love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS Adoption is the social, emotional, and legal process in which children who will not be raised by their birth parents become full and permanent legal members of another loving family; and

WHEREAS There are currently more than 700 children awaiting adoption in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Education, collaboration, and advocacy are critical steps in transitioning children from foster care to permanent, nurturing homes; and

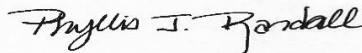
WHEREAS In conjunction with the Loudoun Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, the Loudoun County Department of Family Services will host a celebration on November 19, 2022, in the Loudoun County Circuit Court to honor individuals and families who have finalized adoptions over the past year; and

WHEREAS We celebrate with and express our profound appreciation for all who help make successful adoptions possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize November 19, 2022, as

Adoption Day

In Loudoun County.



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