

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

National Adoption Awareness Month – November 2025

WHEREAS, every child deserves to thrive in a “forever home” that is nurturing, loving and safe; and

WHEREAS, November is recognized nationally as **Adoption Awareness Month**, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the urgent need for adoptive families for children and youth in foster care, including older youth, children with special needs, and siblings who deserve to grow up together; and

WHEREAS, in Napa County, there are 51 children currently in foster care waiting for a safe, nurturing forever home environment, and the process of adoption often provides the opportunity for these children to be embraced in a supportive, lasting family; and

WHEREAS, we support and respect each child and family’s individual journey toward stability and permanency; all children are adoptable; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and extend our gratitude to the social workers, advocates, judges, foster and adoptive families, and community organizations who work tirelessly to support children in need of permanent families and help make successful adoptions possible; and

WHEREAS, Napa County is committed to ensuring that all children find forever families, and understands the importance of adoption as a means of creating stable homes and bright futures for vulnerable youth in our community; and as evidence of this firm commitment, Napa County Health and Human Services Agency has finalized 232 adoptions since July 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 18th day of November 2025 does hereby recognize the month of **November as National Adoption Awareness Month**. We call upon all members of the community, businesses, and organizations to recognize this month by supporting, advocating for, and increasing awareness around the critical need for adoptive families, and we encourage those who are able, to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need.

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