

THE BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



RESOLUTION

October 29, 2020

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2020 NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, every child has the inherent right to grow up in a safe, permanent, loving family, and this experience lays the foundation for a happy and productive adulthood; and

WHEREAS, November is a month dedicated to recognizing the stories of youth in foster care who are in need of permanency. Children often enter into foster care due to a background of abuse or neglect. While it is preferable for children to reunite with their birth family, too often, circumstances are not ideal. When reunion with their parents is not possible, children need loving families where they can find security and stability and adoptive parents can provide that very basic comfort each child deserves; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of individuals and families in our communities are becoming adoptive parents; thus enabling children of all ages, races, and cultures, mental and physical conditions, and emotional needs to become valued members of their families; and

WHEREAS, these parents accept as their reward the opportunity to see children develop, grow, reach beyond the expected, and become a viable part of the community with a stronger self-image; and

WHEREAS, citizens should be encouraged to demonstrate their respect and gratitude for adoptive parents who unselfishly share their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services works diligently to ensure safe and loving homes for Lake County's children and to increase the public awareness of the importance of adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby proclaims November 2020 Adoption Awareness Month throughout Lake County, Ohio and urge all of the citizens of our community to recognize the valuable service of adoptive families in our community, and focus attention on recruiting and licensing adoptive homes in order to give these children forever families.

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