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Proclamation: Urging November 2025 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 September 2025, there are 571 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 54 adoptions in 2024 and 55 adoptions to date in 2025; and

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

WHEREAS, permanency is defined as both a process and a result and 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 Adoption Month, we celebrate all who have invited children, youth and young adults in need into their hearts and homes, and express our profound appreciation for all who help make adoptions possible; and

WHEREAS, there are dedicated community-based organizations in 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 proclaims NOVEMBER 2025 as ADOPTION MONTH and urges all community members to support and engage in activities that strengthen families and provide an optimal environment for children to learn, grow and thrive so that all children and youth experience happy, healthy, and safe homes.

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Date