

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: November 6th, 2023
SUBJECT: Proclamation - Adoption Month
PRESENTER: Jerrie McFalls, Director
ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Proclamation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Department of Social Services has requested the Board of Commissioners adopt a Proclamation, designating November as Adoption Month In Henderson County.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to review the attached Proclamation, and to adopt it as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board adopt the attached Proclamation, designating November as Adoption Month in Henderson County.

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PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER AS ADOPTION MONTH

WHEREAS, every child deserves to learn and grow under the care of a loving family; and,

WHEREAS, more than 113,000 children in the United States foster care system and approximately 12,000 children in North Carolina are waiting to be adopted into permanent families;

WHEREAS, birth parents, relatives, foster families, and adoptive families all work to create Stronger Families Together;

WHEREAS, seventeen children with identified families in Henderson County are waiting for their forever family; and, six without identified families are awaiting adoption.

WHEREAS, twenty-eight Henderson County children were adopted into forever families in FY 22-23.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners, at their meeting on November 6, 2023, does hereby designate the month of November as Adoption Month in Henderson County, and calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to observe this month by honoring the professionals who work to make children's dreams of a permanent home a reality, answering the call of finding safe and permanent families for needy children and supporting the families who have opened their hearts and homes to a child in need.

Adopted this the 6th day of November, 2023.

Rebecca K. McCall, CHAIRMAN
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

DENISA A. LAUFFER, CLERK TO THE BOARD