

# PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2024 AS

## Adoption Awareness Month

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*WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo reaffirms its belief that every child and youth deserves a loving, nurturing and permanent home and adoptive families provide supportive environments and lifelong connections for children in foster care who are unable to reunify with their families; and*

*WHEREAS, adoptive parents provide loving care, patience and support for children and youth who need to heal from trauma; in Fiscal Year 23-24, San Mateo County Human Services Agency finalized 21 adoptions; and*

*WHEREAS, adoptive parents are an essential part of the healing journey of children or teens, empowering them to overcome past traumatic experiences and reach their full potential; and*

*WHEREAS, both children awaiting adoptive placements and the families who have embraced them deserve the unwavering support of their community and public agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month gives residents, community organizations, religious institutions, businesses, schools, and others the opportunity to celebrate families that grow through adoption, to raise awareness of the need for adoptive families, and to shine a light on the courageous children who await permanent homes; and*

*WHEREAS, as an example of the above principles in action, the Board of Supervisors extends heartfelt congratulations to Kaloma and Larin Smith for successfully adopting their sons, Kaoma Avery and Henry William, through the Human Services Agency, and for their commitment to providing a loving and supportive home for their family.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the month of November as **Adoption Awareness Month** to uplift the children in San Mateo County who are awaiting healthy, loving families and to celebrate those who embrace children as permanent members of their families.

**Dated:**

SUPERVISORS:

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WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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Attest:

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors