

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2012 AS

National Adoption Month

WHEREAS, *National Adoption Month* is recognized and acknowledged by the County of San Mateo because our youth in the Peninsula deserve a loving, nurturing and permanent home where adoptive families provide supportive environments and lifelong connections for children in foster care who are unable to reunify with their families; and

WHEREAS, *National Adoption Month* spotlights adoptive parents in providing patience and support instrumental in assisting children and youth overcome hardships, in fact San Mateo County's Human Services Agency fulfilled 21 adoptions last year; and

WHEREAS, *National Adoption Month* calls upon many compassionate families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs and caring, stable adults eligible to adopt a child or youth, even if they have a disability, are of moderate means or unmarried; and

WHEREAS, *National Adoption Month* reasserts that both children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children, merit support from their community and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, *National Adoption Month* serves to encourage citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, schools, and others to celebrate the human value of adoption, to honor families that grow through adoption, to raise awareness of the need for adoptive families and to attend to those courageous children living in the shadow of an uncertain future while awaiting placement with adoptive families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County designates November as *National Adoption Month*, and encourages everyone to support and learn more about adoptive families throughout the Peninsula.

Dated: NOVEMBER 6, 2012

SUPERVISORS:

ADRIENNE J. TISSIER, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

