

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2013 AS

ADOPTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo re-affirms that each and 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 patience and support needed to help children and youth overcome previous hardships and in Fiscal Year 12-13, San Mateo County's Human Services Agency finalized 22 adoptions; and

WHEREAS, there are many compassionate families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs and caring, stable adults can adopt a child or youth, even when they have a disability, are of moderate means or are unmarried; and

WHEREAS, both children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children, merit support from their community and public agencies; and

WHEREAS, in honor of this month, we encourage citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, schools, and others to celebrate Adoption Month, honor families that grow through adoption, raise awareness of the need for adoptive families, and focus attention on those courageous children who live in the shadow of an uncertain future while they wait permanent families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates November 2013 as **Adoption Month**.

Dated: November 6, 2013

SUPERVISORS:

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors