PROCLAMATION

November 2018 as

Adoption Month

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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 17-18 San Mateo County's Human Services Agency finalized 29 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 National 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 for permanent families; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to congratulate Chris Reyes and Cristin Winn-Reyes for successfully adopting two children with the Human Services Agency and for opening their home and providing the love and care for their two adopted children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby designate November 2018 as ADOPTION MONTH.*

Dated: November 13, 2018

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Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors