

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2017 AS

National Adoption
Awareness 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 16-17, San Mateo County’s Human Services Agency finalized 35 adoptions; and

WHEREAS, adoptive parents can help a child or teen overcome past traumatic experiences and help them reach their full potential; 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 Awareness 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 **Joe Lotsko** and **Alex Tsai** for successfully adopting one child with the Human Services Agency and for opening their home and providing the love and care for their child.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby designate November 2017 as **NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**.

Dated: November 7, 2017 **SUPERVISORS**

DON HORSLEY, PRESIDENT

DAVE PINE

CAROLE GROOM

WARREN SLOCUM

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors