

# PROCLAMATION

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

*November 2021 as National Adoption Awareness 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 20/21, San Mateo County's Human Services Agency finalized 32 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 Catherine Sterne for successfully adopting her daughter with the Human Services Agency and for opening their home and providing the love and care for their daughter;

**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 **NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**.

*Dated:*

SUPERVISORS:

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*DAVID J. CANEPA, PRESIDENT*

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*DAVE PINE*

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*CAROLE GROOM*

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*DON HORSLEY*

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*WARREN SLOCUM*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors