

Resolution No. 2024-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024 AS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, National Adoption Month provides an opportunity to recognize and show appreciation to adoptive families and the dedicated professionals who are committed to these families and the children they adopt; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 82 children in Solano County's foster care system awaiting adoption and in need of finding loving and permanent families; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Child Welfare Services finalized 52 adoptions; and during this program year, 37 children have been adopted, with an additional 13 pending adoption finalizations by the end of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Child Welfare Services supports a kin-first culture with an unwavering commitment to nurturing and supporting relationships that honors children and youth by strengthening pathways for lasting bonds; and

WHEREAS, children and youth deserve a strong support network that meets their needs, embraces and affirms their identity, and promotes family, community, and cultural connections; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves a permanent place to call home; and

WHEREAS, this year's outreach and awareness-raising efforts continue to highlight the need for committed families for older children and youth in foster care; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme of "*Honoring Youth: Strengthening Pathways for Lasting Bonds*" highlights the importance of recognizing and supporting the needs of young people in the child welfare system, aiming to create strong, enduring connections with families and communities that provide them with a sense of belonging and stability throughout their lives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the month of November 2024 as National Adoption Month and celebrates the spirit of adoption and honors the families, staff, and community partners who play an essential role in the creation of lasting bonds through culturally responsive and family-centered practices, providing children and youth with the love, stability, and sense of belonging that adoption offers.

Dated this 12th day of November 2024

MITCH H. MASHBURN, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Veronica Lake, Deputy Clerk