

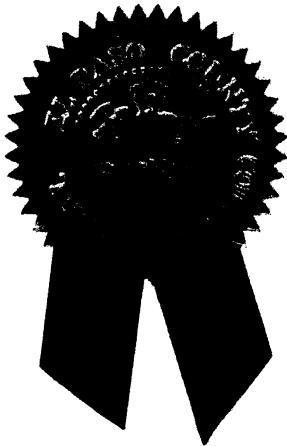
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Proclamation Recognizing National Adoption Month

- WHEREAS,** National Adoption Month was established by President Gerald Ford in 1990 as a collective national effort to raise awareness of the many children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families; and
- WHEREAS,** El Paso County completed 207 adoptions for children in foster care or kinship care in 2019 and through September 2020, and of those, 81 were kin or kin-like adoptions; and
- WHEREAS,** there is currently an active search for adoptive families for 24 El Paso County children; and
- WHEREAS,** the El Paso County Department of Human Services has a primary mission to strengthen families, assure the safety of children; and improve overall quality of life in our community; and
- WHEREAS,** the El Paso County Department of Human Services, with its many private, community-based and non-profit partners, plays a vital role in maintaining and increasing citizen involvement in adoption so that waiting children can find stable and permanent homes; and
- WHEREAS,** it is with great thanks that we recognize all El Paso County adoptive parents and the many dedicated adoption professionals who work to connect foster children with loving families.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby recognizes November as Adoption Month in El Paso County and proclaims its sincere gratitude to our community's adoptive families who have opened their hearts and homes to provide love and stability for the youngest members of our society, helping them grow into successful adults and building the future of El Paso County.

DONE THIS 17th day of November 2020 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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