



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing November as
National Adoption Month

WHEREAS, November is recognized as National Adoption Month, as a time to celebrate the countless ways adoption enriches our society and to raise awareness about the needs of children awaiting adoption; and

WHEREAS, adoption plays a crucial role in providing loving homes and families for children in need, thereby transforming lives and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, according to recent data, there are over 123,000 children and teens in the United States foster care system waiting to be adopted, with a significant percentage being teens who urgently need caring families willing to provide guidance and support; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to recognize and support teen adoption, as teenagers in foster care often face significant challenges and deserve stable, nurturing homes as they transition into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the Wake Board of Commissioners acknowledges the power of adoption in improving outcomes for children, including enhanced educational attainment, improved mental and emotional health, and greater long-term stability; and

WHEREAS, the Wake Board of Commissioners calls upon our citizens, businesses, and organizations to:

- **Raise Awareness:** Educate our community about the benefits of adoption and the urgent need for loving homes for teens in foster care.
- **Provide Support:** Encourage and assist prospective adoptive families, including offering resources and guidance to navigate the adoption process.
- **Celebrate Families:** Honor and celebrate adoptive families who have made a difference in the lives of children and teens through adoption.
- **Advocate for Change:** Advocate for policies and initiatives that improve outcomes for children in foster care and promote adoption as a positive option for families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of November as **NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH**, and we reaffirm our commitment to creating a community where every child, regardless of age, has the opportunity to thrive in a safe, loving, and permanent home. Together, we can make a difference and ensure that every child finds the love and support they deserve through adoption.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of November 2025.

Susan P. Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners