

Item Title: Adoption Awareness Month Proclamation

Specific Action Requested:

That the Wake County Board of Commissioners receives a brief presentation from Wake County Child Welfare and proclaims the month of November as Adoption Awareness Month.

Item Summary:

Since 1990, November has been observed as National Adoption Awareness month. During this month, many organizations celebrate adoption as a positive way to build families. While all adoption-related issues are important, the primary focus of this month is the adoption of children currently in foster care. This designation provides an opportunity to raise awareness regarding children who are waiting for an adoptive home and promotes community involvement in securing forever families for these children.

In FY2018, 102 children in Wake County were adopted from foster care. There are currently over 625 children and youth in Wake County living in foster care. Of that number, there are 256 children and youth who have a permanent plan of adoption. Nearly 65 children in Wake County are waiting for an adoptive family, which means they are cleared for adoption. These children waiting for adoption deserve our community and societal support.

Attachments:

1. Proclamation