



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing November 2019 as
Adoption Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be loved, nurtured, and raised within a healthy stable family; and

WHEREAS, a stable family environment is the most vital resource in providing the support children need to thrive and grow; and

WHEREAS, despite best efforts to return children to their homes sometimes this is not possible. These children need the security, comfort, and sense of belonging provided by a permanent family; and

WHEREAS, in FY2019, 81 children in Wake County were adopted from foster care; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 515 children and youth in Wake County living in foster care. Of that number, there are 226 children and youth that have a permanent plan of adoption; and

WHEREAS, nearly 40 children in Wake County are waiting for an adoptive family; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoption deserve our community and societal support, and most of all, a permanent family; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, as well as public and private agencies that work to increase public awareness of children who are waiting to be adopted;

WHEREAS, we honor those families that have opened their homes and their hearts to provide a lasting loving family for children who may otherwise not have one.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 2019 as "Adoption Awareness Month" in Wake County.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of November 2019.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners