

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2011 AS**

**ADOPTION MONTH**

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*WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo re-affirms that each and every child and youth deserves a loving, nurturing, permanent home and adoptive families provide supportive environments and lifelong connections for children in foster care who are unable to reunify with their families; and*

*WHEREAS, adoptive parents provide patience and support needed to help children and youth overcome previous hardships and in Fiscal Year 10-11, San Mateo County's Human Services Agency finalized 32 adoptions; and*

*WHEREAS, there are many compassionate families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs and caring, stable adults can adopt a child or youth, even when they have a disability, are of moderate means or are unmarried; and*

*WHEREAS, both children waiting for adoptive parents and families who have adopted these children, merit support and acknowledgment from their communities and public agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, in honor of this month, we encourage citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, businesses, schools, and others to celebrate Adoption Month, honor families that grow through adoption, raise awareness of the need for adoptive families, and focus attention on those courageous children who continue to wait for a permanent family to call their own;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates November as Adoption Month.**

***Dated: November 1, 2011***

***Supervisors:***

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***Carole Groom, President***

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***Dave Pine***

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***Don Horsley***

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***Rose Jacobs Gibson***

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***Adrienne J. Tissier***

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***Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors***