

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation No. CP11-0875

Declaring November as the National Adoption Month in Denver

WHEREAS, in 1995, President Clinton expanded the first major efforts for adoption of children and youth in foster care to the entire month of November; and

WHEREAS, every November a Presidential Proclamation launches activities and celebrations to build awareness of adoption throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Adoption Month focuses each year on awareness and supports the national adoption recruitment campaign through many of its partners throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City & County of Denver recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving *forever families* through adoption; and

WHEREAS, 70 children in the City & County of Denver are waiting for a permanent home; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves a stable and loving home where they can build traditions, share their holidays, tell their stories, laugh together, cry together and make memories to last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, Denver Juvenile Court will open its doors on Friday, November 18th, to finalize over 50 adoptions of local children and join with Denver Human Services and other community service providers and advocates for children and families to celebrate all of these adoptions ; and

WHEREAS, this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states around the country will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption;

WHEREAS, the 2011 theme for National Adoption Month is to “*Build Capacity to Make Lasting Change*” which will target recruitment of families of pre-teens (8-12 year olds); this campaign will work towards providing resources for families interested in adoption, reaching out to communities that reflect the children in foster care, identifying resources that help diverse communities, proactively finding families and preparing them with assessment resources, and identifying workers who have experience with inter-jurisdictional placements and to garner their expertise to evaluate and create policies to assist with adoption processes; and

WHEREAS, Denver Human Services has launched the STAND UP FOR ME program to accomplish these goals and is ready to walk interested parties through the process of becoming a foster family or a forever family.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the City Council recognizes the importance of giving children and youth permanent and safe homes and urges citizens to join in the national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Denver Human Services.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL November 21, 2011

PRESIDENT