



**Proclamation**  
**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO**  
**Recognizing November 17, 2018 as National Adoption Day**

**WHEREAS**, the County of El Dorado recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving homes through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 400,000 children in the foster care system in the United States, and more than 100,000 children are waiting for families to adopt them; and

**WHEREAS**, the average length of time a child spends in foster care waiting to be adopted is three years; and for many children in foster care, the wait for loving families in which they are nurtured, comforted, and protected seems endless; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of children who “age out” of foster care by reaching adulthood without being placed in a permanent home has continued to increase since 1998; and more than 22,000 foster youth age out every year; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency oversees the local Foster Care and Adoption programs and helps place children into foster homes and arrange for the permanent adoption of children; and whereas these efforts are in collaboration with Lilliput Children’s Services, Sierra Forever Families, Sierra Child and Family Services, and other private, non-profit adoption organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, 41 children in El Dorado County were successfully placed into permanent homes and families through the adoption process during the period of October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018; and 39 children in El Dorado County were successfully adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, the staff of the Health and Human Services Agency and its partnering organizations are committed to finding permanent, safe and loving families for children awaiting adoption in El Dorado County, and are grateful for those families who have chosen to adopt.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado recognizes November 17, 2018, as National Adoption Day and expresses appreciation to the Health and Human Services Agency, Lilliput Children’s Services, Sierra Forever Families, Sierra Child and Family Services, and the citizens of El Dorado County who have provided permanent families for children through adoption. The Board also urges all citizens to join in the national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption and to consider adoption of a child.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 13th day of November 2018.

Attest:

James S. Mitrisin

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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Michael Ranalli, Chair, Board of Supervisors