County of Orange
National Adoption Awareness Month
November 2026

Whereas, all children need love, support, safety and a place to call home; and,

Whereas, in Orange County, most of the children removed from their birth families due to abuse or neglect will be successfully reunified with their birth families; and,

Whereas, unfortunately, some of Orange County's dependent children cannot be safely returned to their biological families; and,

Whereas, all children need the security and nurturing that permanent families can provide to help them thrive and grow; and,

Whereas, adoption is the best plan for those children who cannot be safely returned to their birth families; and,

Whereas, there are families who answer the call and are able to open their hearts and their homes to provide permanency through the gift of adoption for children who cannot be safely reunified with their birth families; and,

Whereas, 230 adoptions were finalized in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as a result of the efforts of County of Orange Social Services Agency social workers; and,

Whereas, dependent children still waiting for adoptive parents and families who have adopted children continue to need community and public agency support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that we do hereby proclaim November 2026 as National Adoption Awareness Month in Orange County, and encourage all citizens, community agencies, religious organization, and businesses to celebrate adoption, honor families that grow through adoption and encourage children who live in the shadows of uncertain futures while they await permanent families.