## PROCLAMATION

## OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Recognizing November, 2019, As Adoption Awareness Month in Mendocino County

WHEREAS, citizens of Mendocino County recognize that all children need love, support, security, and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Mendocino County see that when birth families are unable to meet the ongoing needs of children born to them, adoptions which are mindful, compassionate, honest, and rooted in the understanding that adoption does not erase a child's connections to the family into which they were born are the best alternative; and

WHEREAS, some children travel from many parts of the state to join their adoptive families in (Mendocino County); and

WHEREAS, some children in (Mendocino County) live away from their birth families in substitute care, and many cannot return home and need the security and nurturing that adoptive families can provide, which is especially important for the many children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, the many children in our local foster care program need and deserve permanent and nurturing families; and

WHEREAS, birthparents in (Mendocino County) need support and compassion; and

WHEREAS, adoptive parents and families who have adopted children require and deserve community and public agency, respect, and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaim November, 2019, as:

"Adoption Awareness Month in Mendocino County"

Dated: November 12, 2019

Carre Brown, Chair

