

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

Whereas, Families have always stood at the center of our society, preserving good and worthy traditions from our past and entrusting those traditions to our children, our greatest hope for the future. At a time when many fear that the family is in decline, it is fitting that we give special recognition to those who are rebuilding families by promoting adoption; and

Whereas, Walton County recognizes the critical importance of helping children find permanent, safe and loving families through adoption. In Georgia, there are more than 11,100 children in the foster care system. Nationwide there are more than 123,000 foster children waiting for their “forever families”; and

Whereas, November is recognized as National Adoption Awareness Month. While all adoption-related issues are important, the focus of this month is the adoption of children currently in foster care. An adoption provides a child with a lifelong positive connection – one of life’s greatest gifts; and

Whereas, The month also includes National Adoption Day, traditionally a Saturday, which is observed in courthouses across the nation, where thousands of adoptions are finalized simultaneously; and

Whereas, Adoption provides a unique experience that positively impacts children and enriches the lives of adoptive families. Last but not least, let us pay tribute to those special families who have opened their homes and their hearts to adopted children, forming bonds that we call family; now

Therefore, We, the Walton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November as National Adoption Month. In doing so we urge all citizens in the national effort to raise awareness of the importance of adoption for foster children and all children needing safe, loving families.

Proclaimed this 7th day of November, 2023.

David G. Thompson, Chairman
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners

