## Proclamation "National Adoption Day" November 16, 2018

**Whereas**, Adams County recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

**Whereas**, more than 118,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

**Whereas**, as a result of the partnership between Adams County and the 17th Judicial District Court, Adams County anticipates finalizing 140 adoptions in 2018; and

**Whereas**, approximately 27 children in Adams County are waiting for permanent families; and

**Whereas**, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, the local courts of Adams County will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Friday, November 16, 2018 to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all 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.

**How, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims November 16, 2018 as

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and recognizes the entire month of November 2018 as National Adoption Month in Adams County, and urges all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed October 30, 2018.