

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 22

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 19, 2022 AS  
NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a collective effort to raise awareness of the more than 115,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States; and

WHEREAS, children are key to Colorado's future success, prosperity and quality of life and all children and youth deserve a safe, loving family yet there are 379 children and youth in Colorado who are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso County Department of Human Services completed 90 adoptions in 2021. Of the 90 adoptions, 52 were under the age of 5, 31 from ages 5 to 12 years old, and 7 from the ages of 13 to 18 years old; and

WHEREAS, affirming, supportive parents can help a child or youth overcome past traumatic experiences and reach their full potential and we must come together as a community to celebrate Colorado's adoptive families and raise awareness about the need for adoptive families in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, there are no restrictions on who can adopt based on race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or marital status and there is always a need for parents who are willing to adopt older kids and siblings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council recognizes November 19, 2022 as National Adoption Day.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk