

PROCLAMATION

National Adoption Day

WHEREAS, Cochise County recognizes the importance of helping children find permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, more than 400,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, outreach to adoptive families has been identified as a critical step in moving children more quickly out of foster care and into loving, permanent homes; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these children and their families, the Cochise County Superior Court celebrates National Adoption Day on November 17, 2017 and the parents who welcome these children into their families;

WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar celebrations across the country, will offer children a chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other adults to consider making a powerful difference in the life of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, The Cochise County Board of Supervisors, do hereby declare **November 17, 2017** as National Adoption Day in Cochise County and encourage Mayors/Councils of our cities to do the same.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED *this 24th day of October, 2017.*

Ann English, Chairman

Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman

Peggy Judd, Supervisor