

## 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 113,000 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, 2023, 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, 2023**, as National Adoption Day in Cochise County and encourage Mayors/Councils of our cities to do the same.

***APPROVED AND ADOPTED*** *this 14th day of November 2023.*

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Peggy Judd, Chairman

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Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

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Ann English, Supervisor