



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, children are key to the nation's future success, prosperity and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, all children and teens deserve a safe, loving family; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption creates supportive, loving families for children and teens; and

**WHEREAS**, supportive families can help a child or teen overcome past traumatic experiences and reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, we must come together as a community to celebrate adoptive families and raise awareness about the number of children and teens who are still waiting; and

**WHEREAS**, there is always a need for parents who are willing to adopt siblings, older youth and young people with complex medical and behavioral needs; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous individuals, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to finding families for children and teens in foster care who are waiting to be adopted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we declare the month of November 2023 as **Adoption Month** and encourage all Town residents to recognize individuals, nonprofit organizations and public servants who are dedicated to finding families for children and teens.

Given under my hand and Seal of the Town of Little Elm, Texas, this 7th day of November, 2023.

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Curtis J. Cornelious, Mayor of Little Elm