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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FROM:** Department of Public Social Services

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
11/01/2011

**SUBJECT:** National Adoption Recognition Month

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors proclaim November 2011 to be National Adoption Recognition Month.

**BACKGROUND:**

Children deserve to be raised in loving families with parents who protect and nurture them. For some children, adoption is their best chance for a healthy and happy life.

Each year, November is recognized as National Adoption Recognition Month to celebrate adoptive families and bring awareness to the many children awaiting permanent loving families.

From January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, 405 adoptions were finalized and children have been connected to permanent families through Riverside County Children's Services.

*Susan Loew*

Susan Loew, Director

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*  
Debra Cournoyer

**County Executive Office Signature**

Dept't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:  
 Policy  
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 Consent  
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**Prev. Agn. Ref.:** 11/10/09 (2.28) | **District:** ALL | **Agenda Number:**

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**BACKGROUND CONTINUED:**

One of the Federal and State outcome measures requires counties to increase the number of adoptions completed within 24 months of removal from the home. Of all the children adopted in Riverside County, 31% were adopted within 24 months, which is above the state average of 28%.

Despite our efforts to ensure that children do not linger in foster care and receive families whom they may call their own, there are still children in foster care awaiting permanent adoptive homes.

Currently, in Riverside County there are 547 children awaiting permanent adoptive homes.

This proclamation serves to commend Riverside County adoptive parents for their significant contributions to strengthening and improving our families and communities. It also serves to provide awareness for children still awaiting permanent adoptive homes and the need to continue efforts to decrease the number of children waiting to be adopted.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact associated with this proclamation.

**CONCUR/EXECUTE:** N/A

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**National Adoption Recognition Month  
November 2011**

WHEREAS, protecting and nurturing children is of utmost concern to all of Riverside County.

WHEREAS, we have the privilege and responsibility to provide every child in Riverside County with a safe, permanent home, nurtured by stable families; and

WHEREAS, we are indebted to those adoptive parents who offer permanent loving homes to children who are unable to return to their biological parents; and

WHEREAS, the decision to adopt is a lifelong commitment and often requires particular compassion to issues related to abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, through love, compassion and dedication, these adopted children are afforded the best opportunity for future success; and

WHEREAS, adoptive parents are commended for their dedication to providing these children with love, self worth and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County Children's Services Division is committed to securing loving and stable homes for children in need.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in recognition of the tireless efforts of adoptive parents and in awareness of the many children who need permanent families of their own, does hereby proclaim the month of November, 2011 as

NATIONAL ADOPTION RECOGNITION MONTH and encourages the citizens of Riverside County to join in the celebration and support of adoptive families, and assist us in finding homes for the children waiting to be adopted.

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**BOB BUSTER**  
First District , Chairman

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**JEFF STONE**  
Third District,

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Second District, Vice Chairman

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