



The County of Ashe

ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

AND

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

2025

BY THE ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves to grow up in a loving, stable family, yet sadly, many children in America have parents who are unable to care for them; and

WHEREAS, adoption is a form of permanence which allows children to experience the stability of a family unit; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 10,611 children in North Carolina are currently in foster care, and 2,416 of which are awaiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, currently there are 29 minors in Ashe County foster care, and 2 Ashe County foster children were adopted in the last year; and

WHEREAS, caring adults and committed families can make all the difference in the lives of young people, sibling groups, children with special needs, and teenagers; and

WHEREAS, NC Kids Adoption and Foster Care Network within North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, recruits approved adoptive families with the hope of placing current children in foster care who are awaiting adoption; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages communities, businesses, groups, schools, faith-based organizations, families, and individuals to participate in efforts to recruit permanent, loving families for North Carolina's waiting children;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Ashe County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim November, 2025, as "ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH" and November 22nd, 2025 as "NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY" in Ashe County, North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Todd McNeil
Chairman of the Board