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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing November 2021 as "Florida Adoption Month."

WHEREAS, adoption can provide a unique opportunity to improve children's lives and enrich the lives of adoptive parents, families, and their communities, and

WHEREAS, all children deserve loving, supportive, nurturing, and permanent families of their own, and

WHEREAS, adoption is an opportunity to change the life of a child and the families who might adopt them while making an impact on local communities, and

WHEREAS, 4,548 Florida children found permanent homes through adoption during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, approximately 600 Florida children, including teenagers, sibling groups, and children with special medical needs, are available for adoption and have no identified adoptive family, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, the Department of Children and Families, community-based care lead agencies, the Association of Heart Galleries, state and local agencies, and child advocacy organizations join together each November to raise awareness of foster care adoptions in Florida, and

WHEREAS, this year, Florida will celebrate National

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Adoption Month and Florida Adoption Month with its 30 Days of Amazing Children campaign, and

WHEREAS, families and children across the state and nation will celebrate adoption on November 20, 2021, National Adoption Day, while also remembering the children who are still in need of a loving, permanent family of their own, NOW, THEREFORE,

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Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

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That November 2021 is recognized as "Florida Adoption Month" during which all Floridians are encouraged to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in this state who are in need of a forever family.

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