

OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Proclamation

HONORING ADOPTION MONTH

WHEREAS, it is of great importance to honor adoptive families, recognize their love and commitment, and celebrate the many children who have found forever families here in Oakland County; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Month, observed each November, raises awareness of the ongoing need for adoptive families, especially for older youth and teens, who often wait longer for permanency and are at risk of aging out of foster care without permanent connections. In Michigan, there are nearly 2,000 children awaiting adoption finalization and approximately 165 without an identified family. Nationwide, children wait an average of nearly three years for adoption, and more than one in five of those children are between the ages of 13 and 17; and


WHEREAS, the Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division's Adoption Services Unit works with the public and adoption agencies to oversee and supervise adoption petitions for direct placement, agency, adult, stepparent and relative adoptions. Post-adoption, the unit manages information requests and intermediary services when needed. Additionally, an Adoption Permanency Docket is handled by two coordinators who monitor each child's progress toward adoption permanency; and

WHEREAS, during the 25th annual celebration of Adoption Month, the Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division, as well as other courts throughout Michigan and across the United States, with the support of the Adoption Services Unit finalizes and celebrates many adoptions from foster care. It also honors adoptive families and shares information with the public about adoption and the fulfillment and joy it can bring into the lives of those who are able to open their homes and hearts. Since its inception, Adoption Month programs have recognized the placement of more than 90,000 children with permanent families across the nation, and the highest number of adoptions are finalized each year in November as a result of these observances; and

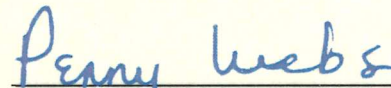
WHEREAS, we join with the Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division, adoptive families across the county, and all who have found a new family through the adoption process to recognize Adoption Month in Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE, David T. Woodward, Chair of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, Commissioner Penny Luebs, and the entire Oakland County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim November 2025 as Adoption Month in Oakland County.

Attested on this 13th day of November 2025, in Pontiac, Michigan.



David T. Woodward, Chair
Oakland County Board of Commissioners



Penny Luebs
County Commissioner, District 2

