

MOTION:

**October 18, 2011
Regular Meeting
Res. No.**

SECOND:

RE: PROCLAIM NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

ACTION:

WHEREAS, City of Manassas Park recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, approximately 107,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted according to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,300 children in the Virginia foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, 2 children in the City of Manassas Park foster care system are working to achieve permanency; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, the local courts of the 31st Judicial District will open their doors on National Adoption Day, Saturday, November 19, 2011 to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

WHEREAS, this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states around the country will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Manassas Park Governing Body joins with the Department of Social Services in proclaiming November as NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH, and urging all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Director, City of Manassas Park Department of Social Services

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Clerk to the Board