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Re: Proclamation

NOVEMBER 22 PROCLAIMED WELD COUNTY ADOPTION DAY

WELD COUNTY, CO – This year marks the 14th anniversary of National Adoption Day, and the Board of County Commissioners has proclaimed November 22, 2013, as Weld County Adoption Day.

“Whereas, more than 30 children in Weld County are waiting for permanent families, and whereas, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, the Weld County District Court will hold a special celebration on Friday, November 22, 2013 (in association with National Adoption Day on Saturday, November 23), to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions. Now, therefore, the Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim Friday, November 22, 2013, as Adoption Day in Weld County...and encourages all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.”

The Friday celebration will include a record-high eight adoptions in Weld County which will be celebrated at a special ceremony at the Weld County Court House.

Department of Human Services Division Head of Child Welfare Heather Walker accepted the proclamation and introduced to the Board several members of the Weld County adoption team. “It is truly a system,” said Walker. “It’s the case worker, the family, the judicial system, the GALs (guardian ad litem), and the foster parents that make sure the adoption is the right match – that this particular kiddo is the perfect match for this particular family.”

Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer agreed with Walker’s comments. “I think the job you do is fantastic – everything you have to go through to get the child with the right family to ensure permanence and stability! I know your jobs are tough and challenging, and we appreciate the work you do,” said Kirkmeyer.

“I’ve had the opportunity to attend this wonderful day,” said Commissioner Sean Conway. “The fact you have a record number of adoptions this year is great!”

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