

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, King County recognizes the importance of helping foster children find permanent, safe, and loving families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, more than 6327 children under 18 are in the Washington foster care system, including over 967 children who have legally lost their parents; and

WHEREAS, more than 100,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, 360 adoptions were finalized in King County in the past year; and

WHEREAS, outreach to potential adoptive families has been identified as a critical step in moving children more quickly out of the foster care system and into permanent, loving homes; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state governments have proclaimed November as National Adoption Month to raise awareness of the importance of adoption nationwide; and

WHEREAS, King County Superior Court will celebrate its 21st Annual Adoption Day on November 18, 2022, by finalizing the adoptions of approximately 16 local children; and

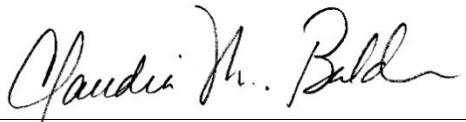
WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar celebrations across the country, will encourage other adults to consider making a powerful difference in the life of a child through adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, proclaim November 18, 2022, as

ADOPTION DAY

in King County, and urge all residents to join in the national effort to raise awareness of the importance of sharing homes and hearts with children in need.

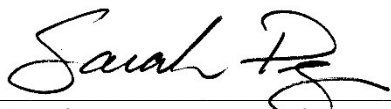
DATED this eighteenth day of November, 2022.



Claudia Balducci, District Six, Council Chair



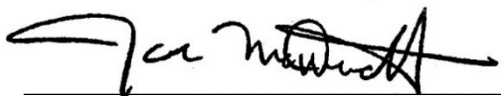
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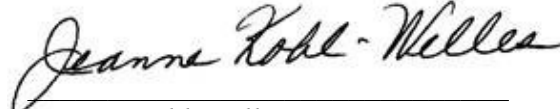
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