

**PROCLAMATION  
FOR  
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

**Whereas, Every child deserves a loving family dedicated to helping them grow, learn, and thrive; and**

**Whereas, Children who are unable to safely remain with their biological families deserve to have a safe, permanent place to call home; and**

**Whereas, Observing Adoption Awareness Month is an opportunity to recognize the valuable contributions of adoptive parents who continually strive to improve the quality of life for the children they bring into their lives; and**

**Whereas, In 1988, President Ronald Reagan issued the first presidential proclamation to establish every November as Adoption Awareness Month and raise awareness for this crisis and recognize the organizations working on behalf of the nation's children and youth; and**

**Whereas, Youth Villages is a national leader in children's mental and behavioral health bringing help and hope to tens of thousands of children, families and young people across the United States; and**

**Whereas, On any given day, Youth Villages specialists are working to help nearly 2,300 children and youth in Tennessee with a continuum of evidence and research based programs, including residential treatment, foster care, adoption, crisis services, intensive in-home services, and programs to give former foster youth a good start on successful adulthood.**

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin C. Morrison, Mayor of Greene County, Tennessee do hereby proclaim the month of November 2022 as*

***ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH***

*And I call upon all citizens to acknowledge organizations like Youth Villages and foster parents, extended family members, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, and other community members who help children and youth find permanent homes, connections, and support structures.*

  
Greene County Mayor

  
Date

