

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-124

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, there are millions of unparented children in the world, including 427,910 children in the foster care system in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, 62 percent of the children in foster care in the United States are age 10 or younger; and

**WHEREAS**, the average length of time a child spends in foster care is approximately 2 years; and

**WHEREAS**, while nearly a quarter of individuals in the United States have considered adoption, a majority of individuals in the United States have misperceptions about the process of adopting children from foster care and the children who are eligible for adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, family reunification, kinship care, and domestic and intercountry adoption promote permanency and stability to a far greater degree than long-term institutionalization or long-term of disrupted, foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami designates the month of November as National Adoption Month as a collective national effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.**     **Designation.** That the City of North Miami designate the month of November as National Adoption Month.

**Section 2.**     **Support.** That the City of North Miami supports the goals and ideals of National Epilepsy Awareness Month and supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Month and encourage the effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 12th day of November, 2019.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Keys

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u>        </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u>        </u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u>        </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u>        </u>	(No)
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u>        </u>	(No)