

**RESOLUTION**

**Proclaiming the month of November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County.**

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**WHEREAS, the goal of National Adoption Awareness Month is to heighten the public awareness of our residents regarding the children awaiting adoption in Cuyahoga County. It also supports the men and women who work to provide children with support, safety and a sense of belonging.**

**WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Services is responsible for the welfare of the children placed in the custody of the County.**

**WHEREAS, many children are removed from the homes of their biological parents for reasons of abuse or neglect beyond their control and many of these children will never be able to return to their homes.**

**WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Department of Children & Family Services placed 229 children in adoptive homes during this past year; however, many more children continue their search for a loving, permanent family.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby proclaims November 2009 as Adoption Awareness Month in Cuyahoga County and encourages participation in scheduled activities.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Deborah Forkas, Director, Department of Children & Family Services.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Dimora, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Dimora, Jones, Hagan.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Jeanne M. Schmotzer,  
Clerk of the Board**

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