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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of November 2020 as
3 "Florida Adoption Month" in the State of Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, adoption can provide a unique opportunity to
6 improve children's lives and enrich the lives of adoptive
7 parents, the families, and their communities, and

8 WHEREAS, every child deserves a loving, supportive,
9 nurturing, and permanent family, and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 800 children in the state are
11 currently available for adoption without an identified adoptive
12 family, including teenagers, siblings, and children with medical
13 needs, and

14 WHEREAS, 4,572 children in the state were adopted during
15 fiscal year 2018-2019, and

16 WHEREAS, the process of adoption may vary, but, in general,
17 there is an orientation, a preparation course, and a home study,
18 which, if approved, leads to matching a family with a child,
19 placement supervision, and finalization of the adoption, and

20 WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child
21 Protection, the Department of Children and Families, community-
22 based care lead agencies, Heart Galleries, state and local
23 agencies, and child advocacy organizations join together in
24 November to raise awareness of foster care adoptions in the
25 state, and

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26 WHEREAS, November 21, 2020, is National Adoption Day, and
27 families and children across the nation and the state are
28 encouraged to celebrate the joy of adoption on this day, and
29 throughout the month, while remembering our children who are
30 still hoping for a loving, permanent family of their own, and

31 WHEREAS, Florida will celebrate National Adoption Month and
32 Florida Adoption Month through the 30 Days of Amazing Children
33 campaign, NOW, THEREFORE,

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35 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
36 Florida:

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38 That November 2020 is designated "Florida Adoption Month"
39 and the House of Representatives encourages all Floridians to
40 consider opening their hearts and homes to children in this
41 state who are in need of a forever family.