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Lake County Commissioners Declare November as National Adoption Month

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, October 20, 2022– National Adoption Month is recognized annually in November throughout the nation as a time to raise awareness about the urgent need for adoptive families for children and youth in foster care. At any given time, nearly 15,000 children in Ohio are being cared for away from their parents. While most of these children will eventually be reunited with biological family members, more than 3,000 children in the State of Ohio are currently waiting to be adopted and over 1,000 of them are teenagers.

“Our Department of Job and Family Services plays a crucial part in educating the public about foster and adoption,” said Commissioner John Hamercheck. “Thank you to everyone who continues to make a difference.”

The Lake County Department of Job and Family Services works diligently to ensure that there are safe and loving homes for Lake County’s children. We offer open houses throughout the year where the community can learn more about the foster/adoptive process. Currently, Lake County has 39 licensed adoptive homes and have completed 14 adoptions in the last year.



Left to right: Commissioner John Plecnik, Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar, Social Worker Megan Ash, Commissioner Mark Tyler, and Commissioner John Hamercheck.

“This is an important time of year to recognize the significance of adoption and the individuals and families who have opened their homes and hearts to adoptive children. We are grateful to the many wonderful adoptive parents in Lake County who are providing children in our community with a loving, stable and forever family,” said Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar.

“Children deserve to have a loving and caring home,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “Spreading Awareness and sharing information regarding adoption and fostering is important.”

The Lake County Department of Job and Family Services is fortunate to receive continued support and recognition from the Lake County Commissioners each November and this year has been no different. During their October 20, 2022 meeting, the Lake County Commissioners graciously passed a resolution declaring November 2022 as National Adoption Month in Lake County.

“The resources are out there, and if you are interested in adopting or fostering a child, don’t be afraid to reach out,” said Commissioner Mark Tyler.

If you are interested in learning about foster care and adoption and in making a difference in the life of a child, you can call the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services foster care and adoption hotline at 440-350-4218, access our website at www.lakecountyohio.gov or send us an e-mail at Eugene.Tetrick@jfs.ohio.gov.

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