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## Commissioners Proclaim November 2023 as National Adoption Awareness Month in Lake County

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, November 2, 2023– 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. During the November 2, 2023 meeting, the Lake County Commissioners passed a resolution declaring November 2023 as National Adoption Awareness Month in Lake County.

“There has been a growing number of individuals and families in our communities are becoming adoptive parents,” said Commissioner John R. Hamercheck. “The Department of Job and Family Services play a crucial part in educating the public about foster and adoption, thank you to everyone who continues to make a difference.”

“This is an appropriate time of year to express our gratitude for 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 safe, loving and forever family. We also acknowledge and express our appreciation to the many important individuals who provide support to our adoptive families,” said Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar.

These parents accept their reward the opportunity to see children develop, grow, reach beyond the expected, and become a viable part of the community with a stronger self-image.

“We urge all citizens in Lake County to recognize the invaluable contribution of adoptive families in their communities and to be encouraged to demonstrate their respect and gratitude for adoptive parents who unselfishly share their lives,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

“The Lake County Department of Job and Family Services works diligently to ensure safe and loving homes for Lake County’s children and to increase the public awareness of the importance of adoption,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich. “Every child has the inherent right to grow up in a safe, permanent, loving family, and this experience lays the foundation for a happy and productive adulthood.”

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](http://www.lakecountyohio.gov) or send us an e-mail at [Eugene.Tetrick@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Eugene.Tetrick@jfs.ohio.gov).



*From the left: Commissioner John Plecnik, County Probate Court Judge Mark J. Bartolotta, Job and Family Services Director, Suzanne Casar, Supervisor of Job and Family Services Foster Care and Adoption Team, Gene Tetrick, Commissioner Richard J. Regovich and Commissioner John R. Hamercheck.*

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