



## Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: *for Jennifer Warden*  
Jeff P. H. Cazeau, City Attorney

Date: November 12, 2019

RE: **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.**

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The accompanying Resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote:**

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