



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2021
AS "NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande recognizes the importance of providing children safe, healthy and loving homes in which they may become a permanent part of a family through adoption; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 120,000 children in the United States adopted annually; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,500 children in California are adopted annually; and

WHEREAS, 42 children in San Luis Obispo County will be adopted by the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, to help these children have permanent, loving families and to support the families that provide these homes, the City of Arroyo Grande is acknowledging National Adoption Month to raise awareness about the need for adoptive homes for local children and join other organizations to celebrate adoptive families in our community; and

WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar celebrations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, will offer children the chance to live with loving, healthy, permanent families when they cannot live with their birth families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim November as "National Adoption Month" and in so doing, urge all citizens of Arroyo Grande to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 26th day of October 2021.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

