

**COUNTY OF OTTAWA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AS  
“MICHIGAN ADOPTION DAY IN OTTAWA COUNTY”**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 21st day of November, 2023 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Roger Belknap, Allison Miedema.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Bergman.

It was moved by Commissioner Gretchen Cosby and supported by Commissioner Allison Miedema that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption; and,

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 children are in the Michigan foster care system in 2023 and, of these approximately 250 children are awaiting adoption; and,

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, the 20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Ottawa County will open its doors on Michigan Adoption Day, Tuesday, November 21, 2023, to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and,

WHEREAS, this effort along with similar celebrations around the Country will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of children through adoption; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 21, 2023 as Michigan Adoption Day in Ottawa County, and in so doing, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

YEAS: Commissioners: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Roger Belknap, Allison Miedema.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: None.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.



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Joe Moss  
Chairperson, Ottawa County  
Board of Commissioners



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Justin F. Roebuck  
Ottawa County Clerk/Register of Deeds