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Last year, 1,294 adoptions were finalized in Los Angeles County lending security and permanency to each one of those foster children. Currently, there are nearly 500 children in Los Angeles County's foster care system that are in need of adoptive families.

It is important to bring awareness to this need and actively recruit prospective and loving adoptive families. The Department of Children and Family Services' Adoption and Permanency Resources Division welcomes and invites individuals and families, regardless of age, sex, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, martial or domestic partnership status, physical characteristics, national origin, medical or disability status, to help fulfill the critical mission of finding permanent and loving homes for children that need adoptive families. The Department hopes to recruit more families and in particular find adoptive homes for sibling sets, adolescents, and children with medical needs.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Declare November 2014 Adoption Awareness Month;
- (2) Encourage interested individuals and families in the community to consider the benefits and rewards of adopting a waiting child by calling (888) 811-1121 or visiting the website www.ShareYourHeartLA.org ; and
- (3) Instruct the Auditor-Controller to print during the month of November 2014 the following message on all County warrants: “November is Adoption Awareness Month. Call 888-811-1121 to become a foster or adoptive parent” and for the Department of Human Resources to include the same message on the electronic paystub viewer on e-CAPS.

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