

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: Wed., Oct. 15, 2008

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes  No

Department: Mayor Di Gennaro, District 4

Staff Contact Person: Tamara Lundstrom  
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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING: Proclamation declaring November 15, 2008 as National Adoption Day in Monroe County.**

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BUDGETED:** Yes  No

**COST TO COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SOURCE OF FUNDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes  No  **AMOUNT PER MONTH** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty  OMB/Purchasing  Risk Management

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included  Not Required

**DISPOSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGENDA ITEM #** \_\_\_\_\_

## NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

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

WHEREAS, more than 129,000 children in the United States foster care system are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 children in Monroe County are waiting for their adoptions to be finalized; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent nurturing families, the local courts of Miami-Dade County on Friday November 14, 2008 will finalize the adoptions of children through "Our Kids" of Miami-Dade/Monroe Counties, the lead agency for Wesley House in the Florida Keys, and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

WHEREAS, this effort along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico 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 a child through adoption;

Now, therefore, I, Mario Di Gennaro, Mayor of Monroe County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2008 as National Adoption Day in Monroe County, and in doing so, urge all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness about the importance of adoption.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2008



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Mayor Mario Di Gennaro