

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

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

WHEREAS, more than 1,500 foster children in Washington today have legally lost their parents forever and are waiting to be adopted into permanent families; and

WHEREAS, more than 107,000 children in the United States foster care system today are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS, more than 28,000 children “age out” of the foster care system without ever finding a permanent home and family; and

WHEREAS, outreach to adoptive families has been identified as a critical step in moving children more quickly out of the foster system and into loving homes; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, Lewis County Superior Court will celebrate *National Adoption Day* on Friday, November 16, 2012 joining other courts nationwide; and

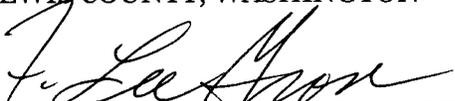
WHEREAS, this effort will raise awareness in communities of the many children waiting to find homes, giving them a chance to join new families;

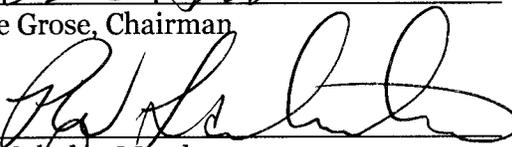
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners proclaims November 16, 2012 as “National Adoption Day” in Lewis County and in so doing, urges all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness of the importance of adoption.

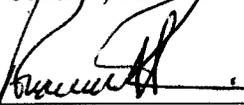
DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 5th day of November, 2012.



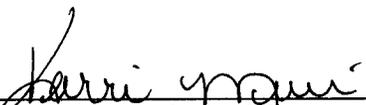
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