

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON



PROCLAMATION  
"NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY"  
NOVEMBER 15, 2013

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

WHEREAS: There are an estimated 399,546 children in foster care in the United States, and more than 100,000 of them are waiting to be adopted; and

WHEREAS: More than 23,000 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 15, 2013 joining other courts nationwide; and

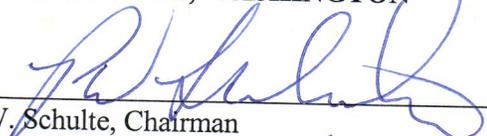
WHEREAS: This effort will raise awareness in communities of the many children waiting to find homes, giving them a chance to join new families,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Lewis County Board of County Commissioners proclaims November 15, 2013 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.

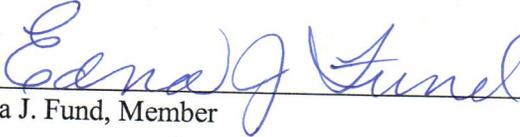
SIGNED, SEALED, and dated this 4 day of November, 2013.



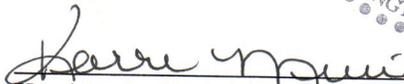
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Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board