

MIAMI BEACH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS

There are over 3500 children currently in foster care in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties and over 500 children waiting to be adopted, and those numbers are increasing daily; and

WHEREAS

the City of Miami Beach is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to assist those children in foster care and promote adoption, there are many ways residents can help; and

WHEREAS

Our Kids has partnered with Miami Beach to promote their mission "To oversee and direct a coordinated system of care in order to deliver excellence to abused, abandoned and neglected children and their families and their vision to see that every at-risk child in Miami-Dade and Monroe will grow up with a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family". Our Kids also recognizes National Adoption Day, November 21st, 2014; and

WHEREAS

Florida Foster Care Review promotes the safety, well-being and long-term success of abused and neglected children through volunteer-driven case reviews and system level advocacy; and

WHEREAS

websites like OneSimpleWish.org provide an easy way to empower people to support foster children and their families in very simple yet meaningful ways by granting a wish for a foster child on line; and

WHEREAS

Residents of Miami Beach, like Debbie Robins, helping through mentorship of foster children, the Guardian Ad Litem Program and Voices for Children highlight the many ways we can become involved in making lives better for our children.

NOW THEREFORE, DO WE, Philip Levine, as Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Miami Beach hereby proclaim November as

National Adoption Month

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