CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTIETH COUNCIL

CO	UNCIL	L BILL NO. <u>R-13-189</u>	ENACTMENT NO.
SPO	OSNC	RED BY: Don Harris	s, Ken Sanchez
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	1	DEGLADING THE FOLL	RESOLUTION
	2		RTH SATURDAY IN JUNE "ALBUQUERQUE ADOPTION
	3		TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES OF CHILDREN
	4		DEPARTMENT ("CYFD") ADOPTIONS AND FOR THE
	5	FAMILIES THAT ADOP	T CHILDREN ON NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY.
	6	WHEREAS, Nationa	I Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise
	7	awareness of the 129,0	00 children in foster care waiting to find permanent,
	8	loving families; and	
	9	WHEREAS, for the	ast eight years, National Adoption Day has made the
	10	dreams of thousands of	of children come true by working with courts, judges,
on '	11	attorneys, adoption pro	ofessionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to
New eleti	12	finalize adoptions and	find permanent, loving homes for children in foster
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Ma Aate	15	of Columbia and Puert	o Rico, and more than 300 events are held each year
ored gh A	16	throughout the country	to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care, and
rsc rot	17	to celebrate all families	s who adopt; and
ke the second se	18	WHEREAS, adoptio	n provides benefits to society as a whole by allowing
	19	children to join establi	shed families who are ready to raise children; and
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ack ack	21	who are childless, who	are unable to have more children, or want to bring
<u>\</u>	22	another child into their	home are overjoyed by the opportunity to welcome a
	23	new member into their	family through adoption; and
	24	WHEREAS, 35 child	ren were adopted in Albuquerque on November 17,
	25	2012, as part of Nation	al Adoption Day; and

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1	WHEREAS, there are more than 2,000 foster children in New Mexico waiting
2	to be adopted.
3	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
4	ALBUQUERQUE:
5	Section 1. The City Council hereby recognizes and shows its appreciation
6	and support to those families who have adopted children from foster care
7	through the Children Youth and Families Department ("CYFD") and seeks to
8	encourage more families to adopt foster children.
9	Section 2. The City Council hereby proclaims the 4rd Saturday of June,
10	"Albuquerque Adoption Appreciation Day" as a day for the City of
11	Albuquerque and all of its citizens to recognize and show their appreciation
12	and support to these families.
13	Section 3. The City shall provide annual passes to the Zoo, Biopark, and
14	Explora to families of children who are adopted in Bernalillo County on
15	National Adoption Day, whether or not the children were from private
16	adoptions or CYFD adoptions, and the City shall provide annual passes to the
17	Zoo, Biopark, and Explora to families of children who are adopted in Bernalillo
18	County through the Children Youth and Families Department ("CYFD")
19	whether or not the adoption occurs on National Adoption Day. The annual
20	passes must be claimed within sixty days of the end of the month in which the
21	family obtains their Adoption Certificate.
22	Section 4. The Administration is encouraged to hold a separate event at
23	the Zoo for families with children currently in foster care, but the event will not
24	be publicized due to the confidentiality laws regarding children in foster care.
25	Section 5. Up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) is hereby designated
26	within the City Council Projects activity to carry out the purposes of this
27	resolution.
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