

# B. "ADOPTION DAY." *PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS*, Governor Susana Martinez has recently signed a proclamation recognizing National Adoption Day; and

*WHEREAS*, every child deserves to grow up in a loving and stable family, yet sadly, many children in our area have parents who are unable to care for them; and

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

*WHEREAS*, for our children who have lost their birth families, adoption can provide the home life, parental love, nurturing and security that they would otherwise be missing; and

*WHEREAS*, the future of the City of Portales, the future of the State of New Mexico and the future of our great Nation depends on today's children and we are committed to helping all children reach their full potential in supportive families; and

*WHEREAS*, it is important to involve the media, private and public agencies, adoptive parents, advocacy groups, civic and church groups, the courts and businesses in providing publicity and information to heighten community awareness of the crucial needs of these children and all those who work tirelessly to place them in loving families; and

*WHEREAS*, the Ninth Judicial District Court and the New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department are hosting an Adoption Day event to celebrate and finalize adoptions in our area on November 25, 2013 at 10:00a.m. at the Roosevelt County Courthouse (109 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Portales, NM);

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Ronald L. Jackson, Mayor Pro-Tem, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Portales, New Mexico, do hereby declare the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 2013 as:

## **"ADOPTION DAY"**

And urge all members of our community to celebrate our children and adoption.

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Ronald L. Jackson, Mayor