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Florida's Clerks of Court Celebrate National Adoption Month

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— In recognition of National Adoption Month, Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) proudly celebrates the thousands of families who open their hearts and homes through adoption. Florida's Clerks of Court are honored to play a vital role in this process, offering essential services before, during and after an adoption is finalized.

"Florida's Clerks of Court are proud to support families throughout the adoption process by ensuring these important proceedings are handled with care, confidentiality and professionalism," said **FCCC President and Marion County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Gregory C. Harrell**. "With adoption making such a meaningful new chapter for families, our Clerks remain committed to providing the reliable services and support that help make that possible."

Clerks of Court serve as the administrative foundation for adoption proceedings across the state. Each year, Clerks help guide individuals and families through the legal process of adoption with compassion, efficiency and accuracy.

From the start, Clerks assist families by filing initial adoption petitions, managing confidential records in compliance with state law and offering resources to help guide families through court procedures and legal requirements. Throughout the adoption process, Clerks ensure each case moves smoothly by managing documents, scheduling hearings and providing courtroom support to judges and families. Once an adoption is finalized, Clerks issue certified copies of the final judgment, coordinate with the Florida Bureau of Vital Statistics for new birth certificates and securely maintain sealed records for authorized future access, helping families begin their next chapter with confidence and care.

To learn more about the adoption process in Florida and how your local Clerk of Court can help, contact your local county Clerk's office.

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