

### **Proposed Resolution Regarding Establishing HFS, Adoption & Foster Care Sunday**

**Resolved,** that the 128th Annual Meeting of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles dedicate the First Sunday in Advent (or another Sunday in Advent if it is more appropriate) as HFS, Adoption & Foster Care Sunday, and that congregations and individuals be encouraged to support HFS, Adoption & Foster Care's life-saving work on that day through prayer and a special offering that will help this important work of finding caring homes for children.

#### **Explanation:**

HFS, Adoption & Foster Care is a nonprofit adoption services organization that has been supported by the diocese, particularly serving LGBTQ communities who were often turned away as adoptive parents by other agencies. HFS, Adoption & Foster Care is deserving of increased visibility and support by our churches. We seek a designated day to provide special offerings from congregations to support the important work of HFS, Adoption & Foster Care.

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