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### **Ocean Vicinage to Celebrate Seventh Annual National Adoption Day**

The Ocean Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 15.

Ocean County Children in Court and the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency will host the adoption celebration event, following the adoption proceedings, in Mancini Hall of the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River.

This is the seventh year that the Ocean Vicinage will take part in the nationwide celebration.

“Adoptions are the highlight of our work in the family court. This year we are very excited that we will be celebrating a total of 19 children finding their "forever homes" with their adoptive families on Nov. 15,” said Family Presiding Judge Patricia B. Roe.

This year, four judges will conduct hearings for 19 children and their families. The participating judges will include Judges Roe, Marquis D. Jones Jr., Madelin F. Einbinder and Robert A. Coogan.

National Adoption Day is an annual event to celebrate the families and children whose adoptions will be finalized and to raise public awareness of the need for adoptive homes.

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**Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration event, where families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings conclude. Please call Brian Giustozzi at 732-929-4705 for more information.**