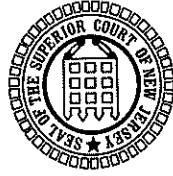


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Passaic Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Passaic Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 15 at 9 a.m. Approximately 16 adoptions will be finalized.

Following the adoptions, a ceremony will be held in the Passaic County Freeholders Meeting Room, on the second floor of the County Administration Building, 401 Grand Street, Paterson.

The New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Passaic County Surrogates Office, the Passaic County Bar Association, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and the Passaic Vicinage Family Division will host a reception for the families after the ceremony.

“We look forward to this, the 14th year for National Adoption Day and the seventh in Passaic County, as an opportunity to open our hearts and courtroom doors to finalize and celebrate the adoptions of children from foster care,” said Assignment Judge Donald J. Volkert Jr.

To mark National Adoption Day, an Adoption Day Awareness Fair will be held in Paterson’s Center City Mall on Thursday, Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from the family division, DC&P, CASA, and the surrogate’s office will provide information about the adoption process.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt. Passaic Vicinage first celebrated Adoption Day in 2007.

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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/or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings conclude. Call June Zieder at 973-247-8641 for more information.