



## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

COUNTIES OF  
ATLANTIC AND CAPE MAY  
VICINAGE I

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### **Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day**

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will hold National Adoption Day celebrations on Thursday, Nov. 19 in Atlantic County and Friday, Nov. 20 in Cape May County. This year the vicinage will finalize the adoption of 29 children into their forever families.

In Atlantic County, adoptions will begin at 9 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room on the first floor of the Atlantic County Civil Courts Building, 1201 Bacharach Blvd., Atlantic City. The proceedings will be conducted by Assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez and Judges Damon Tyner and Jeffrey Waldman. Gifts will be presented to the children.

The Cape May County adoption proceedings and celebration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Cape May County Courthouse, 9 N. Main St., Cape May Court House. Adoptions will be conducted by Judges Mendez, Nancy Ridgway and John Rauh.

The events in Atlantic and Cape May counties will be co-hosted by the Superior Court Family Division and the New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency, in collaboration with the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Atlantic and Cape May Counties and Surrogates Sue Sheppard of Cape May County and James Curcio of Atlantic County.

Information on the adoption process will be available for the public at the events. For more information, go to [www.nationaladoptionday.org](http://www.nationaladoptionday.org).

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states join to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who adopt.

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**Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after the proceedings. Contact Florine Alexander, family division manager, at 609-594-3446 for more information.**