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Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

The Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage will hold its annual Adoption Day program on Friday, Nov. 18 at the Warren County Courthouse, 413 2nd St., Belvidere.

Adoption proceedings for 15 children and their families will begin at 1:30 p.m. Family Division Presiding Judge Hany Mawla and Family Division Judge Kimarie Rahill will officiate. A reception will be held in the Jury Assembly Room following the processings.

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

“It is always a privilege for the Judiciary to share in the efforts that bring such happiness to children and their new families,” said Assignment Judge Yolanda Ciccone.

Co-hosting the event are the New Jersey Department of Child Protection and Permanency, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program and the Hunterdon County Bar Association.

“For the family division, participating in Adoption Day is a particularly joyful time as many of the personal stories shared by the families continue to move and inspire us throughout the year,” said Joseph Bolles, vicinage family division Manager.

Information will be available at the event for individuals interested in learning more about the adoption process.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after the conclusion of the adoption proceedings. Contact Eliana Pazos, children-in-court team leader, at 908-231-7637 for more information.