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Ocean Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

Ocean Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Thursday, Nov. 17 with a reception at Mancini Hall in the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River.

This year, 27 children will be adopted at proceedings conducted by Family Division Presiding Judge Madelin F. Einbinder and Judges Therese Cunningham and Joseph Foster at the Ocean County Justice Complex. Assignment Judge Marlene Lynch Ford also will take part. The reception will be held following the proceeding, at approximately 10 a.m.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions. The event seeks to raise awareness toward the importance of adoption and to recognize caregivers who have chosen to open their homes. This is the 10th year the 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 to be celebrating a total of 27 children who are finding their forever homes with their adoptive families,” said Judge Einbinder.

The Ocean County Children in Court Unit and the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency will co-host the ceremony.

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Adoption proceedings are closed to the public. However, reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration reception at the library where families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available. Call Brian Giustozzi at 732-929-4705 for more information.