SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY MERCER VICINAGE

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Mercer Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Mercer Vicinage will host its ninth annual Adoption Day program on Friday, Nov. 18 at the historic Trenton War Memorial, 1 Memorial Dr., Trenton.

The celebration will begin at 10 a.m. after adoption proceedings for seven children and their families have concluded, announced Assignment Judge Mary C. Jacobson.

The vicinage is co-hosting the event with the Division of Child Protection & Permanency and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Mercer County. Speakers will include Judge Craig L. Corson and the Rev. Darrell Armstrong of Shiloh Baptist Church. Adopting families and their children will enjoy a breakfast buffet and receive complimentary family portraits, and children's activities provided by the Trenton Thunder, My Fairytale Dream, Business Bistro, One Simple Wish and Main Event.

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 of the importance of adoption and to recognize caregivers who have chosen to open their homes.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings conclude. Call Kathleen Wardlow at 609-571-4407 for more information.

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