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Passaic Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Passaic Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 18 with the finalization of 20 adoptions and a reception at Planet 301 Arcade.

Family Division Presiding Judge Rudolph A. Filko and Judges Daniel J. Yablonsky, Miguel de la Carrera and Lawrence Maron will preside over the adoptions.

A reception will follow the proceedings at approximately 11 a.m. at Planet 301 Arcade, 301 Main Street, Paterson. Opening remarks will be given by Assignment Judge Ernest M. Caposela and Passaic County Surrogate Bernice Toledo. Flowers and certificates will be provided to all adoptive parents, compliments of the Passaic County Surrogate.

The reception will also include games, arts and crafts and face painting. Staff from the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) will dress up as Disney characters and assist with all of the festivities. Each child will also receive a gift provided by DCP&P, the Passaic County Surrogate's Office and Superior Court Judge Justine Niccollai. The Court Appointed Special Advocates of Passaic County, the Office of the Passaic County Clerk and the Passaic County Bar Association are also assisting.

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 choose to adopt. The vicinage established its adoption celebration in 2007.

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Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration event at Planet 301 Arcade, where families who have agreed to be interviewed or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings. Call Kathyrn Pierce at 973-247-8519 for more information.