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Bergen Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

The Bergen Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 18 at 8:30 a.m. with an event at the Bergen County Courthouse, 10 Main St., Hackensack.

Family Division Presiding Judge Peter J. Melchionne will finalize 12 adoptions. Afterward, a celebratory breakfast sponsored by the family division and the Court Appointed Special Advocates Office will be held in Room 404 of the courthouse. The celebration will include gifts for adopted children, family photos and children's activities.

"Adoption Day is always one of the happiest and most rewarding days of the year for our judges, staff, adopting families, and especially the children," Melchionne said.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and celebrate families who choose to adopt. Assignment Judge Bonnie J. Mizdol said the vicinage is proud to have participated for eight consecutive years in the national effort to encourage the adoption of children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

This year's event is made possible through the collaborative effort of the vicinage, the Division of Child Protection and Permanency and the Bergen County Surrogate's Office.

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Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families upon conclusion of the adoption proceedings. For further information, call the trial court administrator's office at 201-527-2265.