## SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

## **HUDSON VICINAGE**

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## **Hudson Vicinage to Celebrate Adoption Day**

The Hudson Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 17 with the adoption of 13 children from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Hudson County Administration Building, 595 Newark Ave., Jersey City.

Judges Bernadette N. DeCastro and Anthony D'Elia will preside over the adoptions. Once the adoptions are finalized, the families will attend a reception in the jury room on the fourth floor of the administration building.

"This year will mark the vicinage's 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of participation in this cheerful event," said Presiding Family Division Judge Maureen B. Mantineo. "The family division is honored to be a part of the celebration."

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.

The reception will be hosted by the vicinage's family division, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency and Court Appointed Special Advocates. United Way, Care Point Health, United Parcel Service, and Goya, Inc. are sponsors of the event.

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Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the reception from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available after the adoption proceedings conclude. Contact DCP&P representative Lizette Mateo at (201) 590-6400, ext. 2208 for additional information.