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Bergen Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day 2017

The Bergen Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 17 at 8:30 a.m. with an event at the Bergen County Courthouse, 10 Main St., Hackensack.

Assignment Judge Bonnie J. Mizdol is happy to announce that this is Bergen's ninth year participating in this national effort to celebrate, raise public awareness and encourage adoption of children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

Family Division Presiding Judge Peter J. Melchionne will finalize 17 adoptions.

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

This year's ceremony is made possible through the NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency, the Bergen County Surrogate's Office, Court Appointed Special Advocates Office (CASA) and Children in Court (CIC). A celebratory breakfast will be held in Room 404 of the courthouse for all participating families. The celebration will include the presentation of children's gifts, family photos and activities for children awaiting their adoption hearing.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions, make children's dreams come true and to celebrate families who adopt.

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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, please contact Laura Simoldoni's office at 201-527-2265.