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## Ocean Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

The Ocean Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 with a reception at Mancini Hall in the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River.

This year, 23 children will be adopted at proceedings conducted by family division Presiding Judge Madelin F. Einbinder and Superior Court Judge Robert E. Brenner at the Ocean County Justice Complex. The reception will be held following the proceeding, at approximately 10 a.m.

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 toward the importance of adoption and to recognize caregivers who have chosen to open their homes. This is the 12th year the vicinage will take part in the nationwide celebration. The adoption process is managed by the Ocean County Surrogate's Office.

"Adoptions are the highlight of our work in the family court. This year, we are very excited to be celebrating a total of 23 children who are finding their forever homes with their adoptive families," Judge Einbinder said.

The Ocean County Children in Court Unit and the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency will co-host the ceremony.

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Adoption proceedings are closed to the public. However, reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration reception at the library where families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available. For additional information, contact Lisa Slavick at 732-929-4705.