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Passaic Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Passaic Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16.

Family Division Presiding Judge Rudolph A. Filko and Judges Imre Karaszegi, Jr. and LaToyia K. Jenkins will finalize 15 adoptions. A reception will follow the proceedings at approximately 11 a.m. at Planet 301 Arcade, 301 Main St., Paterson. Assignment Judge Ernest M. Caposela and Judge Filko will give opening remarks along with Passaic County Surrogate Bernice Toledo.

The reception will include games, arts and crafts and face painting. Staff from the vicinage's family division, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Passaic County Surrogate's Office and the local bar association will assist with the festivities. The event also will include children adopted throughout the year. Each child in attendance will receive a gift provided by DCP&P, the Surrogate's Office, Court Appointed Special Advocates of Passaic County and state Sen. Kristin Corrado's district office.

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 the adoption.