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Camden Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz announced that the Camden Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m. in the jury assembly room at the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St., Camden.

Family Division Presiding Judge Charles W. Dortch Jr. will give opening remarks as the participating families gather. Approximately 19 adoptions will be finalized during this year's ceremony. Judges Francine I. Axelrad, Linda Eynon and Michael Joyce will preside over the adoption hearings in the various courtrooms beginning at 1:30 p.m.

"This annual, one-day event has made the dream of finding a forever family come true for thousands of children," Judge Silverman Katz said.

The celebration, hosted by the vicinage's family division, will be held in partnership with the Camden County Surrogate's Office, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Camden County.

After the hearings, the families will be invited to the surrogate's office for an open house and luncheon. Families then will meet in the jury assembly room at the Hall of Justice for dessert and remarks. The children will receive gift bags and keepsakes to commemorate the day, courtesy of CASA of Camden County. A memento photograph and frame of the new families will be presented from the vicinage.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which the courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate the families who adopt.

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Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after the adoption proceedings have concluded. For more information, contact the Trial Court Administrator's Office at 856-379-2231.