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Hudson Vicinage to Host Adoption Day

The Hudson Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 with the adoption of 15 children. The adoption hearings will start at 9 a.m. at the Hudson County Administration Building, 595 Newark Ave., Jersey City.

Judges Nesle A. Rodriguez, Bernadette N. DeCastro and Lois Lipton will preside over the adoption proceedings.

Following the finalization of each adoption, the families will participate in a celebration in the jury assembly room on the fourth floor of the Administration Building. The festivities will continue on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City for all families who have finalized adoptions throughout the year.

National Adoption Day is an annual event that seeks to raise public awareness of children in foster care waiting to find permanent and loving families. Courts and communities across the country conduct programs to finalize adoptions of children in foster care and to celebrate adoptive families. This year will mark the vicinage's 11th consecutive year of participation in this event.

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Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the Nov. 16 event from 9 a.m. to noon. Families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings conclude. Contact New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency representative Kristy Adams at 732-823-8692 for additional information.