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Essex Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day 2018

Assignment Judge Sallyanne Floria has announced that the Essex Vicinage will participate in National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Wilentz Justice Complex, 212 Washington St., Newark.

Superior Court Judges James Paganelli, Linda Lordi Cavanaugh and Nora Grimbergen will preside over the adoptions. Law clerks and family division staff and the vicinage's interpreting unit also will participate.

"The Essex Vicinage will mark its 16th consecutive year of participation in National Adoption Day. This is a joyous occasion when children become permanent members of their forever families. The dedication, love and support of these special adoptive parents enable these children to flourish," Judge Floria said. "The combined efforts of all make this a memorable event for the families."

The vicinage is coordinating the event with the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Essex County Surrogate's Office, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and Rutgers University School of Law-Newark. Vital to the success of the event are the efforts of volunteers, including the Junior League of Montclair/ Newark, the Caldwell-West Essex Kiwanis Club, Seton Hall University and Jet Blue Cares/Newark.

Following the hearings, DCP&P and CASA will host a celebratory brunch for all participating families at the Rutgers School of Law-Newark, 123 Washington St., Newark. The celebration will include photo opportunities and plants for the families and a magician, face painter, balloon artist, crafts, gift bags and gift cards for the children.

National Adoption Day is a collective effort to raise awareness about the children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

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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 their adoption proceedings. For further information, please contact Assistant Family Division Manager Liana Dinallo at 973-776-9300, ext. 56626.