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Bergen Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day 2019

The Bergen Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 22 at 8:30 a.m. with an event at the Bergen County Courthouse, 10 Main St., Hackensack.

Assignment Judge Bonnie J. Mizdol is happy to announce that this is Bergen's 11th year participating in this national effort to celebrate, raise public awareness and encourage adoption of children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families.

Family Division Presiding Judge Peter J. Melchionne will finalize 15 adoptions.

This year's ceremony is made possible through the state Division of Child Protection and Permanency, the Bergen County Surrogate's Office, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and Children in Court (CIC) program. A celebratory breakfast will be held in room 404 for all participating families. The celebration will include the presentation of children's gifts, family photos and activities for all the children awaiting their adoption hearing.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions, make children's dreams come true and to celebrate families who adopt.

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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 the adoption proceedings. For further information, please contact the Trial Court Administrator's Office at 201-221-0700, ext. 25102.