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## **Essex Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day 2019**

Assignment Judge Sallyanne Floria has announced that the Essex Vicinage will participate in National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 22 beginning 8:30 a.m. at the Wilentz Justice Complex, 212 Washington St., Newark.

Marking the vicinage's 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of participating in this national event, Judge Floria along with Superior Court Judges Linda Lordi Cavanaugh and Nora J. Grimbergen will preside over 24 adoptions. Law clerks, family division staff, and vicinage interpreters also will participate.

“Adoption Day is the culmination of the joint efforts of judges, staff and stakeholders to provide permanency for children seeking forever homes. It is a pleasure and honor to be a part of the celebration of these new families,” Judge Floria said.

Following the hearings, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) and the Junior League of Montclair-Newark will host a celebratory brunch for the participating families at the Rutgers Law School-Newark, 123 Washington St., Newark. The celebration will include a magician, face painter, balloon artist, crafts, gift bags, gift cards for the children, and plants for each family.

The event is coordinated in conjunction with DCP&P, the Essex County Surrogate's Office, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and Rutgers Law School. Vital to the success of the event are the efforts of the Junior League of Montclair-Newark.

National Adoption Day is a collective effort to raise awareness about the more than 100,000 children waiting to be adopted from foster care in the United States, and to increase knowledge of the value of adoptions.

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, contact Assistant Family Division Manager Abigail Jacobson at 973-776-9300, ext. 56575.

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