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Essex Vicinage Celebrates National Adoption Day 2020

Assignment Judge Sallyanne Floria announced today that the Essex Vicinage will participate in National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 20, at 8:30 a.m. The event will take place virtually through Zoom.

Marking the vicinage's 18th consecutive year of participating in this national event, Judge Floria along with Superior Court Judges Linda Lordi Cavanaugh, Nora J. Grimbergen, Wayne J. Forrest, and Garry J. Furnari, will preside over the adoptions. Law clerks, family division staff, and vicinage interpreters also will participate.

Throughout the day, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and the Junior League of Montclair-Newark will host a virtual celebration. Breakfast will be delivered to the families before the start of the program. The celebration will include a variety show from a magician. Gift baskets with arts, crafts, books, toys, and gift cards for the children also will be distributed.

The event is coordinated in conjunction with DCP&P, the Essex County Surrogate's Office, CASA, Rutgers Law School, Seton Hall School of Law, the state Office of the Attorney General, and Office of the Public Defender. Vital to the success of the event are the efforts of the Junior League of Montclair-Newark and CASA.

National Adoption Day is a collective effort to raise awareness about the more than 120,000 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 the conclusion of their adoption proceedings. For further information, please contact Assistant Family Division Manager Abigail Jacobson at 973-776-9300 ext. 56575.

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