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Middlesex Vicinage to Celebrate Adoption Day

The Middlesex Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Wednesday, Nov. 18 in a virtual ceremony via Zoom.

Superior Court Judge Marcia Silva will officiate over adoption proceedings for 10 families beginning at 11 a.m. In place of the in-person event, gifts and snacks will be delivered to all children adopted.

James P. Nolan, Jr., chair of the Middlesex County Bar Foundation's adoption day committee, will give welcome and closing remarks. Also providing remarks will be Assignment Judge Michael A. Toto, Family Division Presiding Judge Deborah J. Venezia, Judge Silva, state Sen. Joseph Vitale, Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald Rios, and Haydee Zamora-Dalton, area director for the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency.

"This is the happiest day in the family court, as we celebrate the creation of forever families through the adoption process," Judge Venezia said.

National Adoption Day is dedicated to celebrating adoptive families and children across the country. This celebration is part of a national effort to raise awareness of the children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families and to encourage others to adopt.

The vicinage's program is co-sponsored by the Middlesex County Surrogate's Office, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders, the Middlesex County Bar Foundation, and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County.

The public ceremony will be livestreamed at <https://www.njcourts.gov/public/channels.html>.

Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families afterward. Contact Michelle Rubin at 732-645-4300, ext. 88629 or michelle.rubin@njcourts.gov for more information.

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