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Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

The Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage is celebrating National Adoption Day by finalizing adoptions and honoring families who have adopted children during the past year.

Cumberland County will hold its annual celebration on Friday, Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. in a virtual courtroom via Zoom. Family Division Presiding Judge Harold U. Johnson Jr. will oversee 16 adoptions for 11 families in private proceedings throughout the day.

Gloucester County will hold its annual celebration on Friday, Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. in a virtual courtroom via Zoom. Superior Court Judge John J. Matheussen will oversee 11 adoptions for eight families in private proceedings throughout the day.

Salem County will hold its annual celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m. in a virtual courtroom via Zoom. Superior Court Judge Michael R. Ostrowski will oversee three adoptions for two families in private proceedings throughout the day.

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.

Although adoptions are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families after adoption proceedings have concluded. For more information, contact Assistant Family Division Managers Shane't Bowe in Cumberland County at 856-878-5050, ext. 15730; Linnie Elmore in Gloucester County at 856-878-5050, ext. 15610; or Alexandra Oasin in Salem County at 856-878-5050, ext. 15884.

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