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Monmouth Vicinage to Celebrate Adoption Day

The Monmouth Vicinage will host a virtual celebration of National Adoption Day on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 1:30 p.m. in collaboration with the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), the Monmouth County Surrogate's Office, the Monmouth Bar Association, and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

Family Division Presiding Judge Ellen Torregrossa-O'Connor, Superior Court Judge Honora O'Brien Kilgallen, Monmouth County Surrogate Rosemarie Peters, and DCP&P Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer will speak. A guest speaker will share her personal adoption story, a vicinage employee portraying Captain America will share a special message with the children, and a slideshow of photographs from the adopting families will be presented.

Following the virtual event, Judges Torregrossa-O'Connor, O'Brien Kilgallen and Teresa Kondrup-Coyle will finalize 10 adoptions for five families.

"The Monmouth Vicinage looks forward to the celebration of Adoption Day each year. This event brings the court together with the community to celebrate the strength of family and the joy of adoption," Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton said.

Information about the adoption process can be obtained from Monmouth County Surrogate's Office. For more information about becoming a licensed foster/adoptive parent, call 1-877-NJFOSTER.

Although adoptions are closed to the public, photographers and reporters can attend the virtual event and arrange to interview willing families after their adoptions conclude. Call Janet Slocum at 732-358-8700, ext. 87025 for details.

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