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Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

The Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 19 by finalizing adoptions and honoring families who have adopted children during the past year.

The celebration in Cumberland County will begin at 1:30 p.m. in a virtual courtroom via Zoom. Family Division Presiding Judge Harold U. Johnson Jr. will oversee six adoptions for four families in private proceedings throughout the day.

The adoption day event in Gloucester County will start at 9 a.m. in a virtual courtroom via Zoom. Superior Court Judge Mark B. Shoemaker will oversee nine adoptions for seven families in private proceedings throughout the day.

National Adoption Day is dedicated to celebrating adoptive families and children across the country. The 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 the adoption proceedings have concluded. For more information, contact Assistant Family Division Manager Shane't Bowe in Cumberland County at 856-878-5050, ext. 15730 or Assistant Family Division Manager Linnie Elmore in Gloucester County at 856-878-5050, ext. 15610.

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