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### **Ocean Vicinage to Celebrate Sixth Annual National Adoption Day**

The Ocean Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 16 at 9 a.m. in Mancini Hall at the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River.

This is the sixth year the Ocean Vicinage will take part in the nationwide celebration.

“National Adoption Day is one of the few really happy events over which a family judge presides. This year we are very excited that we will be celebrating a total of eight children finding their ‘forever homes’ with their adoptive families,” said Family Presiding Judge Patricia B. Roe.

This year, Superior Court Judge Madelin F. Einbinder and Judge Robert A. Coogan, retired and on temporary recall assignment, will conduct the adoption hearings at the courthouse before the celebration begins.

The celebration will be co-hosted by the Ocean County Children in Court Unit and the New Jersey Division of Child Protection & Permanency.

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**Adoption proceedings are not open to the public. Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the celebration event, where families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings conclude. Call Brian Guistizzi, assistant family division manager, at 732-929-4705 for more information.**