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Morris/Sussex Vicinage Celebrates Adoption Day

Morristown – The Superior Court of New Jersey, Vicinage 10, will hold its second annual National Adoption Day, in both Morris and Sussex counties, to honor families who have adopted children during this past year. National Adoption Day celebrates adoptive families, and it encourages others to adopt, by raising awareness of the 107,000 children in foster care nationwide who are still waiting to find permanent, loving families.

The Sussex County event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Sussex County Judicial Center at 43-47 High Street, Newton. The celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Judge Robert J. Gilson presiding over several adoptions. After the adoptions, participants will gather on the second floor of the courthouse for a program featuring remarks by Judge Gilson, Family Division Manager Kerri Lynn Walsh, Surrogate Nancy Fitzgibbons and attorney Carmen Liuzza.

The Morris County event will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 at the Morris County Administration and Records Building, Court Street, Morristown. The day will begin at 10 a.m. with Family Division Presiding Judge Michael P. Wright presiding over adoptions. Afterwards, participants will gather in the Freeholders' Meeting Room on the fifth floor to hear remarks by Judge Wright, Judge Mary Gibbons Whipple, and a keynote speech by Megan Torres, who recently adopted a child.

Adoption Day events are co-hosted by Vicinage 10, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Morris and Sussex Counties, and the Morris and Sussex County Bar Associations. Both programs will conclude with receptions for the adoptive families and guests, which will include activities and giveaways for the children who attend.

Although adoptions are closed to the public, reporters may contact Dawn Carruth, Assistant Family Division Manager, at 973-656-4311, with requests to interview willing families after their adoption proceedings have concluded.

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