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Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day

The Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Wednesday, Nov. 18 in Salem County and on Friday, Nov. 20 in Cumberland and Gloucester counties.

“National Adoption Day is a special time when, through the combined efforts of committed adopting parents, the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the local surrogates’ offices and the New Jersey Judiciary, many sad situations involving children are brightened by the creation of ‘forever families’ in these loving, adopting homes,” Family Division Presiding Judge Harold U. Johnson, Jr. said.

The Adoption Day events in the three counties are coordinated through the family division. There will be a reception in each county for the adoptive families, with light refreshments provided by various organizations.

In Salem County, the family reception will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the second floor waiting room of the Salem County Courthouse, 92 Market St., Salem.

In Gloucester County, the family reception will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Room 2108 of the Justice Complex, 70 Hunter St., Woodbury.

In Cumberland County, the family reception will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room of the Cumberland County Courthouse, 60 W. Broad St., Bridgeton.

National Adoption Day is dedicated to celebrating adoptive families across the country. The celebration also is part of a national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families and to encourage others to adopt.

The events are co-hosted by the Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage, the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency, the surrogates' offices of Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties and the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem.

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Adoption proceedings are closed to the public. Members of the press are invited to attend the receptions, where families who have agreed to be interviewed and/or photographed will be available after their adoption proceedings conclude. For more information, call Theresa Fortson at 856-686-7551.