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## **Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage to Celebrate Adoption Day**

The Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren Vicinage will hold its annual Adoption Day program on Friday, Nov. 20. The event will take place virtually through Zoom.

Adoption proceedings for nine children and their families will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be officiated by Family Division Presiding Judge Haekyoung Suh and Superior Court Judge Julie Marino.

The New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program for Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren; the Hunterdon and Somerset county bar associations; and the surrogates offices in Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties will host the virtual celebration throughout the day. The Hunterdon and Somerset area office of DCP&P, CASA, and the Hunterdon and Somerset county bar associations will provide gifts to the children.

Each family will receive a cake, gift basket, gift card and backpack with their initials for each child, along with a surprise box filled with balloons. The children also will receive a caricature of themselves and a personalized invitation via standard mail. A photographer has donated time to host a photo session for each family.

A celebration for the families and their friends will be held via Zoom immediately following the adoption finalizations.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions of children and to celebrate families who adopt.

Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families upon conclusion of the adoption proceedings. For further information, contact team leader Carolina Dominguez at 908-824-9750, ext. 13176, or Probation Officer Melinda Bowen 908-824-9750, ext. 13048.

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