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## **Passaic Vicinage to Celebrate National Adoption Day**

The Passaic Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 20.

Family Division Judge Scott J. Bennion will preside over the adoptions via Zoom. Assignment Judge Ernest M. Caposela and Presiding Judge Rudolph A. Filko will give opening remarks prior to the virtual adoption proceedings, in addition to the Passaic County Surrogate, Bernice Toledo.

A virtual reception will be hosted by the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency at 5 p.m. for all families in Passaic County who adopted children in 2020.

The reception will include a virtual visit to a llama farm arranged by the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic County. Before the virtual event, all families will receive a gift bag including snacks, candy, a do-it-yourself pizza kit and a personalized gift for each child donated by CASA for the family to enjoy together while participating in the virtual event.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and to celebrate families who choose to adopt. The vicinage established its adoption celebration in 2007.

Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families afterward. Contact Kim Casamassina at 973-653-2910, ext. 24587 for more information.

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