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Middlesex Vicinage to Celebrate Adoption Day

The Middlesex Vicinage will celebrate National Adoption Day on Wednesday, Nov. 17 virtually at the Middlesex County Courthouse, 56 Paterson St., New Brunswick.

The ceremony for adoptions will begin at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and will be open to the public. Formal adoption proceedings will then be conducted privately for 11 children and their families virtually, with Presiding Family Division Judge Deborah Venezia officiating.

The adoptive families, children and participants will be welcomed James P. Nolan, chair of the Middlesex County Bar Foundation's adoption day committee. Assignment Judge Michael Toto and Judge Venezia will give remarks. Also scheduled to speak are state Sen. Joseph Vitale, Middlesex County Board of Commissioners Director Ronald Rios, New Jersey Children and Families Commissioner Christine Norbut Beyer, Woodbridge Health and Human Services Addiction Services Coordinator Bonnie Nolan, and an adoptive parent.

National Adoption Day is an annual event in which courts and communities in all 50 states come together to finalize thousands of adoptions and celebrate families who adopt. The event seeks to raise awareness of the need for adoptive homes and to show appreciation for caregivers who choose to adopt. The vicinage held its first adoption celebration in 2007.

The vicinage's program is co-sponsored by the Middlesex County Surrogate's Office, New Jersey Department of Children and Families, the Middlesex County Board of County Commissioners, the Middlesex County Bar Foundation, and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County.

Although adoption proceedings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for reporters to interview willing families afterward. Contact Meghan Carney-Vilela at 732-645-4300, ext. 88019 or meghan.carneyvilela@njcourts.gov for more information.

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