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# SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

## BURLINGTON VICINAGE

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## **BURLINGTON VICINAGE HOSTS THIRD ADOPTION DAY**

**MOUNT HOLLY** – The Burlington County Superior Court will celebrate its third Adoption Day on Friday, Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. during National Adoption Awareness Month. Seventeen adoptions will be finalized in courtrooms 5A, 5B and 5C in the Courts Facility, 49 Rancocas Road, Mount Holly.

The vicinage is coordinating the event with the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), Court Appointed Special Advocates of Burlington County and the Burlington County Surrogate's Office.

Presiding over the proceedings will be Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder, Judge John L. Call Jr., and Judge Susan L. Claypoole, who presides over children-in-court cases for the vicinage.

Assignment Judge Bookbinder said, "I am happy to recognize the importance of adoption and foster care. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing these children being given the gift of a family to call their own."

National Adoption Day is celebrated annually throughout the United States on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It is designed to raise awareness about finding homes for thousands of foster children in the United States waiting for permanent homes and to highlight the joys of adoption.

Following the court proceedings, families are invited to a luncheon to be held at the Burlington County College, Mount Holly Center at 11 a.m. Speakers will include Judge Bookbinder, Judge Call, a foster parent and Charles Jones, Mercer-Burlington area director of DYFS.

Members of the press are invited to attend the luncheon reception.

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**Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for the media to interview willing families at the luncheon at Burlington County College, Mount Holly Center, at 11 a.m. You may contact Donna Mazzanti at 609-518-2518 for more information.**