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National Adoption Day – 29 Children and 24 Families

*Santa Clara County Superior Court hosts National Adoption Day
event bringing together children and families*

SAN JOSÉ, California (November 9, 2017): On Friday, November 17, 2017, Santa Clara County Superior Court judges and staff, along with Santa Clara Department of Family and Children's Services, will turn the Downtown Courthouse into "Adoption Central," when 24 adoptive families will welcome 29 children.

On National Adoption Day, courts and communities in all 50 states collaborate to finalize thousands of adoptions of children and to honor adopting families. More than 350 community events are held each year to celebrate the adoption of foster care children by loving families.

Locally, Adoption Day is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the need for adoptive parents, to educate would-be parents about the adoptive process, and to celebrate the local families who have opened their lives to children in need of permanent homes.

"One day every year, our courthouse is filled with babies, toddlers and teenagers awaiting their adoption ceremonies, along with joyous parents, siblings, and other family members and friends," commented Presiding Judge Patricia M. Lucas. "We admire and thank the wonderful adoptive parents who, with courage and generosity, open their lives and hearts to these children."

This day is also unique in that the Court is permitting media access to the adopted children upon the consent of the adult caretaker with whom they are attending the event. This means that our deputies will be allowing press into the event and facility without the MC500/MC510 documents normally required. Families amenable to the media can be identified by a special sticker worn by the adoptive parents. The Court requests that you respect participants' decisions and only approach those wearing these badges, and that you let us know if you intend to be present for this event by email to media@scscourt.org.

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