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NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY NOVEMBER 22, 2025, 9:30 a.m. Stockton Courthouse

Stockton, CA — On Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, will host the court's 26th Adoption Day with San Joaquin County Human Services Agency, Wayfinder Family Services, Project Linus, Main Street Youth & Family Services, Environmental Alternatives Family Services, Triad Family Services, Family Extension Foster Care & Adoption, Aspiranet, Koinoina, and New Dimensions. This year's event will celebrate and finalize adoptions for 28 children by 17 families.

This event will be presided over by Judges Michael Mulvihill, Gurjit Srail, and Danielle Ramirez. Judge Mulvihill will begin with a brief welcome and introduction.

Upon reflection of this eventful day, Judge Mulvihill said, "On behalf of the San Joaquin County Superior Court, we congratulate all of the families participating in National Adoption Day. Every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, Adoption Saturday focuses on children waiting to be adopted and on the families who have opened their homes to adopt them. Is it truly an honor and privilege for our judges and staff to preside over these proceedings. There is nothing more important in this world than family, and we truly thank all of the adoptive parents who have stepped forward and made a commitment to these children to give them their forever home. We wish them all a lifetime of love and happiness."

Volunteers from the court and agencies participate in this special day by working together to celebrate the joys of adoption and encourage more families and individuals to give children permanent families through adoption.

National Adoption Day has been celebrated across the nation for the last 27 years on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to raise awareness of the more than 108,000 children and youth in foster care waiting to find a permanent and loving family. Over the past years, the nationwide collective effort of judges, lawyers, court staff, foster professionals, child advocates, sheriff personnel, and many others has made the dreams of over 90,000 children and youth come true by working on this one special day to finalize adoptions for children and youth in foster care.

For your convenience, here is information regarding the event:

- Event begins at 9:30 a.m., Jury Assembly Room 12th floor
- Court opens to families at 8:30 a.m.
- Stockton Courthouse - 180 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA
- Members of the public and press are invited to attend court in person. Press interested in recording court proceedings via TV camera and recorder, still camera, and/or audio must complete required paperwork. Please send requests to mediarequest@sjcourts.org.

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