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NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2016, 9 a.m.
Family Law Courthouse
540 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA

Each year, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, across the United States, it is National Adoption Day. Courts open their doors to families waiting to have their adoptions finalized. This day has helped the dreams of many children and families come true.

The San Joaquin Superior Court will host National Adoption Day with San Joaquin County Human Services Agency, on *Saturday, November 19, 2016* at the Stockton Family Law Courthouse, 540 E. Main Street, Stockton. Plans are underway for 35 children to be placed with 18 forever families during the event.

Since 2000, National Adoption Day has been celebrated on or near the Saturday before Thanksgiving and thanks to the efforts of policymakers, advocates and practitioners, nearly 60,000 children have been adopted across the nation on National Adoption Day in the past 16 years. According to Judge Michael Coughlan, here in San Joaquin County “our goal is to not only raise public awareness, but also, to celebrate those who have adopted, encourage others to adopt and to ensure that all children in foster care are provided with safe, permanent and loving homes.”

Judge Barbara A. Kronlund said, “There are many children, who *through no fault of their own*, are not able to live with their own parents. These deserving children need families to open their homes and their hearts and adopt them and change the path of a child’s life to give them opportunities to thrive and prosper, to love and to be loved.”

The children adopted at San Joaquin Adoption Day are among thousands across California who are in foster care. Many of these children have been waiting for years in foster care to finally have someplace to call home. We hope you will join us to celebrate the local families who are celebrating this life-changing milestone.

For your convenience, here is a timeline of the events:

Begins at 9:00 a.m., Dept. F2
Welcome/Introduction: Judge Michael Coughlan
Family Law Courthouse
540 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA
