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**NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY  
NOVEMBER 17, 2018, 9 a.m.  
Stockton Courthouse – Dept. 3D  
180 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA**

On Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 9 a.m., the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, will host National Adoption Day with San Joaquin County Human Services Agency, Lilliput Children Services, Koinonia Family Services, Aspiranet and Parents by Choice. This years event will celebrate and finalize adoptions for 18 families and 27 foster care children.

This event will be presided over by Judges Michael Coughlan and Barbara A. Kronlund and will begin with a brief welcome and introduction. Also, an adoptive family will share their own personal story.

Judge Kronlund stated “This is truly a win-win opportunity. New families are created before noon; deserving children are given forever homes knowing they are truly wanted and truly loved. These children can start to live the lives they deserve and so desperately want – as the beautiful children they are, with family they can depend on and with whom they can create loving memories.”

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 on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and to raise awareness of the more than 110,000 children and youth in foster care waiting to find a permanent and loving family. Over the past 18 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 70,000 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:

- Begins at 9:00 a.m., Dept. 3D
- Court opens to families at 8:15 a.m.
- Welcome/Introduction: Judges Michael Coughlan and Barbara A. Kronlund
- Stockton Courthouse - 180 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA

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