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POST RELEASE:
Adoption Day 2022

SAN JOSÉ, California (November 18, 2022): Today Santa Clara Superior Court judicial officers and staff, along with the Santa Clara Department of Family and Children's Services, gathered at the Family Justice Center Courthouse to celebrate National Adoption Day by formalizing 13 adoptions and celebrating the concept of family.

"Each adoption story is unique and although children and families come to adoption through diverse paths, they all endure the process with open hearts," said Presiding Judge Theodore C. Zayner. "It takes patience, flexibility, and a willingness to learn as an adoptive parent and an adoptee. We are grateful for all those who play a role in finding permanency for children in need of a family."

On National Adoption Day, courts and communities throughout the United States collaborate to finalize thousands of adoptions of children and honor adopting families. Numerous community events are held each year to celebrate the adoption of foster care children by loving families.

"Given all the recent challenges in the world, it is critical for children to receive the nurturing stability of being part of permanent families," expressed Alicia Vojnik, the Court's Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

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

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Children with adoptive parents.

Mother and daughter.

Hon. Shawna Schwarz giving the Adoptive Parent Oath.

Hon. Shawna Schwarz overseeing signing of an adoptee.

Hon. Amber Rosen with a new family.

Department of Family and Children Services Representatives with an adoptee.