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VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT CELEBRATES COURT ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY MONTH

The Ventura Superior Court will celebrate "Court Adoption and Permanency Month" with a special adoption calendar on Friday, November 16, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom J1 at the Juvenile Courthouse in El Rio. Adoptions will be finalized for several children and *Certificates of Family Membership* will be presented. The Juvenile Courthouse is located at the Justice Steven Z. Perren Juvenile Justice Complex, 4353 E. Vineyard Avenue, El Rio. The event is open to the public and the media.

In addition to the special adoption calendar on November 16, an Adoption and Foster Care Information Fair will be held at the Pacific View Mall in Ventura on Saturday, November 17, 2012, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Members of the community are invited to attend and speak with representatives from organizations that provide services and support to foster and adoptive parents.

On behalf of the Judicial Council of California, California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye has proclaimed November as a month dedicated to further improving the administration of justice for proceedings involving children and families. On November 13, 2012, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors will present the Ventura Superior Court with a Resolution proclaiming November 2012 as Adoption and Permanency Month in Ventura County. The Ventura Superior Court will place a strong emphasis on permanency planning and adoptions throughout the month.

Nearly half a million incidents of child abuse and neglect are reported each year in California. More than 22,000 children enter foster care, and almost 55,000 children are living apart from their families in out-of-home care. Nearly 40 percent of the children in foster care in California have been away from their families in out-of-home care for two or more years. Of the more than 29,000 children leaving foster care in 2011, 56 percent were reunited with their families and 20 percent were adopted.

Individuals interested in obtaining information on adoptions may contact the County of Ventura Human Services Agency at (805) 654-3210 and ask for the Adoptions Officer of the Day.

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