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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 21, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom J6 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 Judge Steven Z. Perren Juvenile Justice Complex, 4353 E. Vineyard Avenue, El Rio. The event is open to the public and the media.

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 4, 2014, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors presented the Ventura Superior Court with a Resolution proclaiming November 2014 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 23,400 children enter foster care, and almost 62,500 children are living apart from their families in out-of-home care. Nearly 38 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 26,000 children leaving foster care in 2013, 58 percent were reunited with their families and 22 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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