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COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY - 42 Children and 35 Families**

*Sacramento Superior Court and Sacramento County hosts its National Adoption Day event bringing together children, families and our community*

SACRAMENTO, California – On Saturday, November 23, 2019, Sacramento Superior Court judges and staff, Department of Child and Family Adult Services, Children’s Law Center of Sacramento, California Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services, Sheriff’s Department, Lilliput, Sierra Forever Families, Uplift, Konionia, CASA and Soroptomist International of Metropolitan Sacramento, Soroptomist of Elk Grove and the Sacramento Library Foundation will celebrate the adoptions of 42 children with 35 participating families.

This special event will be held at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse located at 3341 Power Inn Road, Sacramento. Activities will begin at 8:00 am and conclude at noon. Festivities include scheduled adoption proceedings, refreshments and activities for children including face painting, family photos, balloons, donation of books and much more.

Adoption Day for Sacramento County is a collaborative effort with many agencies and is an opportunity to increase public awareness of the need for adoptive parents, to educate potential adoptive parents about the adoptive process and to celebrate the local families who have opened their lives to children in need of permanent homes.

Judge Jerilyn Borack states, “After serving on our child welfare court for the past decade, I can honestly say that there is no better feeling than the day when we tell our families that they belong to each other forever. Adoption day is a weekly event in our dependency courtrooms, and this year we are celebrating not only the families whose ceremony will take place on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, but also all those “forever families” that are a part of our past. We hope in this way to help our children who are waiting for a family, and those families with hearts prepared to love them, find each other that much more quickly. We hope you can join us.”

“Our department is thrilled to take part in such a special day to finalize and celebrate adoptions from foster care said Michelle Callejas, Director of Sacramento County Department of Child, Family and Adult Services. There are currently 1,690 children in foster care in Sacramento County. While many are in the process of reunification or guardianship, approximately 350 still need a forever home. This day is a great reminder to the community that they can become a resource/adoptive parent and open their homes and hearts to youth in need.”

This day is also unique because the press may join us for the event. Families may elect to interview with the media to inform the public of this special cause. While the adoption proceedings are confidential, there will be a location made available for a number of families and their adoptive children to interview with the press and share their personal stories.

Please join us for this event and witness first-hand the volunteer efforts that aims at uniting children, whose lives greatly improve by joining permanent families through the adoption process. This event is truly a cause for celebration.

For more information on National Adoption Day, visit [www.nationaladoptionday.org](http://www.nationaladoptionday.org).

For further information on the local event, please contact the Public Information Offices.