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Forever Families Finalized During Michigan Adoption Day November 22 Families from Monroe and Kent Counties to Highlight Ceremonies at Michigan Supreme Court

LANSING, MI, November 1, 2016 – With the theme of “Giving Thanks for Families,” courts statewide will join others across the nation to celebrate Adoption Day. Michigan’s event is held on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving each year, and is a holiday tradition, highlighting the importance of adoption and the needs of children in foster care. Many courts will finalize adoptions, while others will hold informational events to reach potential adoptive parents. Last year, more than 30 counties opened courtrooms to the media and public, with more than 100 children finding their forever homes. President Obama has declared November to be National Adoption Month while [National Adoption Day](#) is celebrated November 19.

On Tuesday November 22 at 10 a.m. in the Supreme Court courtroom in Lansing, Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. will join Monroe County Judges Cheryl Lohmeyer and Frank Arnold, and Kent County Judge Kathleen Feeney in finalizing adoptions.

Justice Stephen J. Markman, Justice David F. Viviano, Justice Joan L. Larsen, Justice Bridget M. McCormack, and Court of Appeals Chief Judge Michael J. Talbot will also lend a hand as judges around the state create forever homes for children:

- Justice Markman, Van Buren County, November 22 – 10 a.m.
Van Buren County Courthouse, 212 E. Paw Paw Street, Paw Paw
- Justice Viviano, Macomb County, November 22 – 8:30 a.m.
Macomb County Courthouse, 40 N. Main St., Mt. Clemens
- Justice Larsen, Oakland County, November 22 - 9 a.m.
Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac
- Justice Bridget McCormack, Washtenaw County, November 22, 10 a.m.
Washtenaw County Courthouse, 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor
- Court of Appeals Chief Judge Michael Talbot, Jackson County, **November 18** – 9 a.m.
Jackson County Courthouse, 312 S. Jackson St., Jackson (note Friday, November 18)

Michigan Adoption Day is co-sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Child Welfare Services division of the State Court Administrative Office, and Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE).

Anyone interested in adopting a child may contact MARE at 3840 Packard Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108. MARE can be also reached Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. at (800) 589-6273 (in Michigan), via fax at (734) 528-1695, or through the [MARE website](#).

Media are invited to cover Adoption Day. Updated events will be added to the Court’s website at www.courts.mi.gov/adoptionday as plans are finalized across the state. Please mark the date and see the link to [Request and Notice for Film and Electronic Media Coverage of Court Proceedings](#).

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