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100 Children to Realize Their Forever Family Tomorrow in Courts Across the State

Who: Judges across the state will finalize adoptions for 100 children in courthouse ceremonies on Tuesday, November 22, replete with balloons, teddy bears, infectious smiles, parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and extended family members.

At the Hall of Justice in Lansing, Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., Monroe County Judges Cheryl Lohmeyer and Frank Arnold, and Kent County Judge Kathleen Feeny will preside in finalizing seven adoptions. The Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award for Exemplary Service to Michigan's Children and Families will be presented to Genesee County Judge Duncan Beagle by his colleagues Judge Richard Yuille and Judge Jennie Barkey.

When: A list of statewide events is available [here](#). The event in the Supreme Court courtroom on the sixth floor of the Hall of Justice will begin at 10 a.m. The Court broadcasts its oral arguments and other hearings [live](#) on the Internet via streaming video technology.

Why: With the theme of "Giving Thanks for Families," courts statewide will celebrate Adoption Day 2016. Held on or near the Tuesday before Thanksgiving each year, Adoption Day has become holiday tradition, highlighting the importance of adoption and the needs of children in foster care.

Note: Joining their judicial colleagues in courts across the state are:

- Justice Stephen J. Markman, Van Buren County - 10 a.m.
Van Buren County Courthouse, 212 E. Paw Paw St., Paw Paw
and Berrien County Courthouse, 811 Port St., St. Joseph – 2 p.m.
- Justice David F. Viviano, Macomb County - 9 a.m.
Macomb County Courthouse, 40 N. Main St., Mt. Clemens
- Justice Joan L. Larsen, Oakland County - 9 a.m.
Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac
- Justice Bridget M. McCormack, Washtenaw County – 10 a.m.
Washtenaw County Courthouse, 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor
- Justice Brian K. Zahra, Livingston County – 9 a.m.
Livingston County Courthouse, 204 S. Highlander Way, Howell