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Idaho Courts Celebrate Adoptions in November

Courts across Idaho will celebrate the adoption process this month as state courts recognize National Adoption Day, Nov. 19.

In a proclamation, Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan called for Idahoans to “celebrate the powerful difference Adoption makes in the lives of children, and encourage others to assist wherever and however they can.”

More than 355 foster children in Idaho were waiting to be adopted as of a count this year, according to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. A total 309 children were adopted in the 2022 state fiscal year.

“The Idaho State Judiciary recognizes the positive impact of a safe home and loving family in a child’s life,” Chief Justice Bevan stated in his proclamation.

Idaho foster-care adoptions are conducted through the courts. National Adoption Day is usually marked with adoption hearings and festivities at courthouses across Idaho.

Events this month include:

- In Ada County Nov. 10, the Fourth Judicial District expects to hold at least 22 adoption hearings. Court and county staff will donate gift baskets, cakes and books to each newly adopted child after their hearing concludes.
- In Bannock County Nov. 18, the Sixth Judicial District will host a celebration featuring an adoption ceremony, refreshments and vendors sharing information about adoption.
- In Bonneville County Nov. 18, the Seventh Judicial District will host a variety of speakers talking about adoption and building a family.

Events are held at each county’s respective courthouse. More information can be found by contacting the judicial districts.

Read the proclamation at the Idaho Supreme Court’s website, isc.idaho.gov.

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