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Idaho Courts Honor Adoption Work, Encourage Public's Support

Idaho's courts will celebrate National Adoption Day – this year Saturday, Nov. 23 – with a variety of events across the state.

Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan in a <u>recent proclamation</u> thanked all who give their time and resources to providing children with loving and permanent homes.

The proclamation recognizes the nearly 300 Idaho foster children who are currently waiting to be adopted. **"To help these children find permanent, nurturing families the courts of Idaho encourage you to celebrate with us on November 23 in raising awareness about the need for adoptive homes,"** Chief Justice Bevan wrote.

Local courts will mark the occasion on various dates. **On Nov. 15**, the Seventh Judicial District will hold an Adoption Day celebration at the Bingham County Courthouse, 501 N. Maple St. in Blackfoot, featuring gifts for children and comments from a variety of people involved in the foster care and adoption systems.

Multiple courts plan events on Nov. 22:

- The Third Judicial District will join in a celebration at the Canyon County Administration Building, 111 N. 11th Ave. in Caldwell, that will include remarks by families who have completed adoptions out of foster care.
- The Fourth Judicial District will hold a number of adoption hearings at the Ada County Courthouse, 200 W. Front St. in Boise. Court and county staff will donate gift baskets, cakes and books to each newly adopted child after their hearing concludes.
- The Sixth Judicial District will host a celebration at the Village Assessment Center, 354 N. 5th Ave. in Pocatello, with speakers that also include a parent who has gone through the adoption process.

And **on Nov. 23**, the Second Judicial District will host a celebration at the Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main St. in Lewiston, including speakers and a cupcake and hot cocoa bar. RSVP for the event <u>at this link</u>.

For more information on these events, contact the trial court administrator's office in the respective judicial district.

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