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Boulder County to Celebrate National Adoption Day on November 17, 2017

Boulder County, Colo. – On Friday, November 17, 2017, adoptive families, foster care families, and members of the community are invited to celebrate National Adoption Day at the Boulder County Justice Center, located at 1777 Sixth Street in Boulder, Colorado. The celebration is from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and includes snacks, art projects and special speakers. The celebration is open to the public; there is no need to RSVP to attend. “I encourage all supporters of the Boulder County adoption and foster care system to join us,” said Boulder County District Court Judge Ingrid Bakke. “Having experienced first-hand the joy of being an adoptive parent, I can wholeheartedly say that the day an adoption is finalized is a day that is never forgotten.”

“National Adoption Day is a wonderful celebration of families and children,” said Magistrate Monica Haenselman, also from Boulder County District Court. “The importance of a forever family in the life of a child cannot be overstated and National Adoption Day is an incredible opportunity to share in the joy of families created through adoption.”

Boulder’s National Adoption Day celebration is a collaborative effort of the 20th Judicial District, the Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services and Voices for Children, CASA of Boulder County which provides trained, court appointed volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in Boulder County. Jacob Harmon, Executive Director with Voices for Children, CASA said, “We proudly support National Adoption Day. When reunification is not in the best interest of a child who has been abused or neglected, adoption provides children with a safe and permanent home and the lifelong support they need to thrive. We salute the efforts of all those who work to make adoption possible as a path to permanency.”

Since the first annual National Adoption Day in 2000, 65,000 nationwide adoptions have been finalized on this one-day event, according to the National Adoption Coalition.

We hope that all foster care families, families created through adoption, regardless of when the adoption was finalized, and their supporters will join in celebrating this important day on November 17.

For questions about the 20th Judicial District National Adoption Day Celebration please contact Raina Lesser at 303-441-4747.