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THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CELEBRATES NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

ALACHUA COUNTY, FL – November is National Adoption Awareness Month, and this year the Eighth Judicial Circuit will celebrate along with courts and communities from all 50 states by finalizing several adoptions at the same time. This year's National Adoption Day event will be held on Tuesday, November 29th, at 1:30 p.m. The Honorable Donna M. Keim, Circuit Judge, will preside over the finalizations in Courtroom 3C of the Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center located at 201 East University Avenue in Gainesville, FL.

At the Adoption Day event, families from various backgrounds will gather to watch each other's adoptions and celebrate the formation of their own family. In many families, the children have resided with the caregivers for a long time, and this ceremony simply makes the parent-child relationship official. Each adoptive child and their siblings are allowed to take home a stuffed animal, which is donated, to commemorate their special day. This year, employees of the Partnership for Strong Families, which assists families with the adoption process, and some families will dress up in superhero gear to make the day special for the children.

Although adoption hearings are closed to the public, arrangements will be made for the media to interview willing families upon conclusion of the adoption proceedings. For additional information, contact the Public Information Officer at reevesm@circuit8.org or at (352) 384-3012.