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19th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT RECOGNIZES ADOPTION MONTH

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan created the first National Adoption Week; and in 1995, President Bill Clinton proclaimed November as National Adoption Month for the United States. In conjunction with our Courtroom partners including Court Appointed Special Advocates ([CASA](#)), Illinois Department of Children and Family Services ([DCFS](#)), Juvenile Probation and Detention Services, and Court Administration, Chief Judge Diane E. Winter is proud to announce the 19th Judicial Circuit too recognizes the month of November as National Adoption Month.

“We are profoundly grateful to the organizations, volunteers, and dedicated court staff that assist in the adoption process, proving themselves invaluable in assisting children in finding their ‘forever’ families and homes. It is important to continue these collaborative efforts and continue to raise awareness for the more than 120,000 children who are in foster care,” said Chief Judge Diane E. Winter.

The 19th Judicial Circuit continued to handle adoptions virtually throughout the pandemic, recognizing the vital part the Court plays in uniting children with families. In 2020 and year-to-date 2021, the 19th Judicial Circuit completed 62 adoptions and 66 adoptions, respectively.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, please visit their website. If you are someone who has room in their heart and their home, please consider adoption.

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