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## **2004 Adoption Day to Celebrate Record Number of Adoptions in D.C.** **Actual adoption decrees will be signed with children and families present**

The D.C. Superior Court and the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency will co-host the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual “Adoption Day in Court” on Saturday, November 20, 2004. At this ceremony to celebrate adoption, **30 actual adoptions will be finalized**. This year there is even more to celebrate: a record number of **376 public adoptions were finalized in the past fiscal year** – this represents a **32% increase** over FY 2003.

**WHAT: Adoption Day in Court**

**WHERE: Moultrie Courthouse**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Atrium  
500 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001

**WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 2004**  
**10 am to noon**

**WHO: Superior Court Chief Judge Rufus G. King, III**  
Family Court Presiding Judge Lee Satterfield  
**D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams**  
D.C. Children and Family Services Agency Deputy Director Sarah Maxwell

Note: \* Several families will be available before, during and after the ceremony for press to interview. All 482 children adopted in the past year – and their families – have been invited to the ceremony and celebration. **Members of the public are encouraged to attend.**

\* Refreshments will be available at the celebration following the ceremony and entertainment will be provided by the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department’s Band, “MPD Confidential”.

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