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## News

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## **Family Celebrates Adoption Day with Justice Clement and Judge Yokich**

On October 19, 2018, the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court for the County of Macomb celebrated the adoption of C’Nai Lange at a ceremony presided over by Circuit Court Judge Tracey Yokich with special guest and friend of the adoptive family, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Clement. C’Nai Lange, a foster child who turns 18 on October 26 of this year, got her wish to be adopted by a forever family. C’nai, choked up for words, exclaimed to her adoptive parents’ three words that resulted in tears of joy, “I love you.” The courtroom was packed with friends and



family who displayed their support for the adoption. Kathleen and Lisa Lange are licensed foster parents that previously adopted 4 children, and they continue to keep their foster license open not ruling out the possibility of adopting a 6<sup>th</sup> child. Due to C’Nai’s age, her adoption confirmation hearing could not wait until National Adoption month which is celebrated yearly in November. C’Nai’s adoption marks the opening of ceremonies that will occur in courts across the State and Nation throughout the month of November. The 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court will celebrate National Adoption Day on November 20, 2018. Happy Birthday to C’Nai! Thank you to Kathleen and Lisa Lange as well as all of those adoptive families across the State and Nation.

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