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Advisory

HISTORIC SALEM CUSTOMS HOUSE TO HOST CITIZENSHIP DAY CEREMONY

Ceremony to Celebrate Citizenship, Celebrate America

BOSTON – A group of 40 Massachusetts residents will take the Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. citizens at the historic Customs House, part of the Salem Maritime National Historic Site, during a special Citizenship Day naturalization ceremony on Monday, September 17. Vietnam, El Salvador, Cameroon, Lebanon, France and Mauritius are just a few of the 18 nations represented by these applicants for citizenship.

This group of medical professionals, office workers, small business owners, students, and many others are taking another step towards achieving the American dream. Citizenship Day commemorates September 17, 1787, when 39 delegates from the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention signed the document that would soon be ratified as the United States Constitution.

This special Citizenship Day event is being held by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the National Park Service to celebrate the hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children from nearly every nation on the globe who will become U.S. citizens this year.

EVENT: Naturalization Ceremony

DATE: Monday, September 17, at 11 a.m.

****Applicants for citizenship will arrive at 11 a.m. Media are strongly encouraged to arrive early to interview applicants before the ceremony.**

LOCATION: Customs House
160 Derby Street
Salem, Mass

PRINCIPALS: Judge Douglas P. Woodlock, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts
Anthony Violanti, USCIS Boston District Office

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