



Press Release

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USCIS INTRODUCES *THE CITIZEN'S ALMANAC* ***Publication Set for Distribution at all Naturalization Ceremonies***

WASHINGTON - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), today released *The Citizen's Almanac*, a publication specifically developed for new citizens. *The Citizen's Almanac* is a collection of America's most cherished symbols of freedom and liberty. The *Almanac* links our newest citizens with the rich civic history we all share as Americans. In an effort to enhance the naturalization process for the more than 700,000 new citizens the United States welcomes each year, USCIS will distribute *The Citizen's Almanac* at all naturalization ceremonies beginning this month.

"*The Citizens Almanac* is a valuable resource, helping remind our nation's newest citizens that great responsibilities accompany the privilege of citizenship," said USCIS Deputy Director Jonathan "Jock" Scharfen. "By continuing to learn about the founding ideals, achievements and history of the United States, our new Americans will preserve and ensure freedom and liberty for future generations."

Endorsed by the National Endowment for the Humanities and reviewed by U.S. history experts, the publication includes information on:

- Rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship;
- The history behind many of America's most patriotic anthems and symbols;
- The creation of our most important founding documents;
- Landmark decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Biographical details on several prominent foreign-born Americans and;
- Important presidential and historic speeches.

A pocket size version of the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution of the United States* accompanies *The Citizen's Almanac* to encourage new citizens to learn more about the rights and responsibilities they now enjoy as U.S. citizens.

Both *The Citizen's Almanac* and the pocket size version of the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution of the United States* are available for download at www.uscis.gov.

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