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28 Immigrants to Become Nation's Newest Americans at Washington's Annual Public Service Recognition Week Exhibit *USCIS to Highlight American Civics, Genealogy and Agency Recruitment at Exhibit*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Washington (D.C.) District Director Greg Christian will welcome 28 new American citizens from 18 countries during a special naturalization ceremony held at the annual Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) exhibit on the National Mall. Of the 29 new citizens, four are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. military.

The citizenship ceremony will take place at **12 noon, Thursday, May 10 at 7th Street on the National Mall between Madison Street and Jefferson Drive.** Greg Christian will give the *Oath of Allegiance* to the new Americans while Alfonso Aguilar, Chief of the USCIS Office of Citizenship, will present the keynote address. **At 11:00 a.m., District Director Christian will hold press availability before the ceremony site for reporters.** This is the first opportunity Mr. Christian has had to address the media since his appointment as the new Washington (D.C.) District Director on April 16.

The 28 new Americans are natives of the following countries: Afghanistan, Belgium, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, Thailand, Ukraine and Vietnam

Time: 11:00 a.m. – Greg Christian, USCIS Washington (DC) District Director, to hold a press availability at the ceremony site.
12 noon, Thursday, May 10, 2007 – Special PSRW Naturalization Ceremony

Place: USCIS Exhibit – the National Mall, 7th Street between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive, (Directly across from the West Building of the National Gallery of Art.)

Public Service Recognition Week Exhibit Events for USCIS:

To celebrate and honor the public service contributions of its employees, USCIS will sponsor a Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) exhibit on the National Mall from Thursday, May 10, through Saturday, May 12. The USCIS exhibit will showcase special presentations on American Civics, Genealogy, the USCIS mission,

job recruitment, and innovative products and technologies that are improving customer service and enhancing the public's awareness of the USCIS mission.

Presentations at USCIS Exhibit Booth

- American Civics: Do you know your American History? – A game show format to publicize, *The Citizens Almanac*, will be held on Friday, May 11 at noon. This interactive question/answer session will engage students grouped by age and/or grade level.
- “How USCIS Can Help You Learn About Your Ancestors” – USCIS will provide a background briefing about the agency's new Genealogy program on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The program is scheduled to launch later in the year.
- Conversations with America” – USCIS employees will staff the exhibit and explain USCIS' various programs and highlight the skill sets needed for specific positions. Program staff will also discuss job opportunities at USCIS.

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