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Advisory

22 TO BECOME US CITIZENS ONBOARD THE STEAMSHIP TICONDEROGA *Citizenship Day Ceremony to Celebrate Citizenship, Celebrate America*

SAINT ALBANS, Vt. – A group of 22 Vermont residents will take the Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. citizens onboard the retired steamship Ticonderoga during a special Citizenship Day naturalization ceremony on Monday, September 17. Vermont Governor Jim Douglas will address the new citizens.

These applicants for citizenship originally hail from 11 nations including Bosnia-Herzegovina, France, the Philippines, South Korea, and Ethiopia. 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 Shelburne Museum 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 2 p.m.
****Applicants for citizenship will arrive at 1 p.m. Media are strongly encouraged to arrive early to interview applicants before the ceremony.**

LOCATION: Ticonderoga
Shelburne Museum
Shelburne, VT

PRINCIPALS: Chief Judge William K Sessions, III, U.S. District Court, District of Vermont.
Governor Jim Douglas, State of Vermont
Pauline Smith, USCIS St. Albans Field Office Director

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