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Citizenship Day Festivities Across the Nation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - This year the nation's capital will host a special event commemorating Citizenship Day and introducing the CIS Office of Citizenship. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge will participate in the event and Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Eduardo Aguirre will administer the Oath of Allegiance to thirteen immigrants from every corner of the world.

ATLANTA - Several Ceremonies planned.

BALTIMORE - Baltimore's showcase ceremony is at the War Memorial.

BOSTON - Several naturalization ceremonies scheduled for next week, including one at Fannueil Hall.

BUFFALO - Showcase ceremony is on 9/14 in conjunction with the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site. The ceremony will include a reenactment of Mr. Roosevelt's swearing in.

CHARLOTTE - Director Aguirre will open new office and participate in a naturalization ceremony on Friday, September 19.

LOS ANGELES - Two daytime ceremonies, each with 3,500 candidates, will be held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

MIAMI - Two large ceremonies, with additional ceremonies in Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa.

NEW YORK - Showcase ceremony is at King Manor museum in Queens.

PHILADELPHIA - Mrs. Cheney leads the new National Constitution Center naturalization ceremony as part of its Citizenship Day and Constitution Week events.

PORTLAND - An administrative ceremony with 25 applicants is planned and will feature CIS employee and naturalized citizen Han Tran speaking on the meaning of citizenship.

SAN DIEGO - Forty children, ages 7-13, will sail forth on the deck of the *Star of India* to be naturalized in a special Child Citizenship Act ceremony. Dr. Raymond Ashley of the Maritime Museum will share with them a heartfelt story about a member of the museum.

SACRAMENTO - The Sacramento Zoo is the venue for a special naturalization ceremony for orphan children adopted by U.S. parents. Approximately 25 children and their parents will be recognized. The guest speaker is an adoptee from Korea.

ST. LOUIS - This historic courthouse ceremony will take place at the National Expansion Memorial, better known as “the Arch.” Approximately 75 immigrants will become new citizens.

Field Locations

The Office of Citizenship has Outreach Officers working with communities in:

Arlington, VA
Atlanta, GA
Burlington, VT
Chicago, IL
Dallas, TX
Denver, CO
Detroit, MI
Houston, TX
Los Angeles, CA
Laguna Niguel, CA
Miami, FL
New Orleans, LA
New York, NY
Phoenix, AZ
Portland, OR
San Antonio, TX
San Francisco, CA

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On March 1, 2003, U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. U.S. CIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.