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Advisory

USCIS TO WELCOME 23,000 NEW CITIZENS DURING CONSTITUTION WEEK *76 Hawaii Residents to Take the Oath of Citizenship*

HONOLULU – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will swear in 76 Hawaiian residents in celebration of Constitution Week on Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

The Honorable Lloyd King will swear in the new U.S. citizens who hail from 22 countries: American Samoa, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, People's Republic of China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Japan, Korea, Laos, Mexico, Nicaragua, Philippines, Tonga, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Vietnam, and Yugoslavia

Mayor Mufi Hannemann will be the keynote speaker. Last week, the Mayor signed a Proclamation declaring September 17 Citizenship Day and the week of September 17 as Constitution Week in the City and County of Honolulu.

John Kramar, USCIS District Director, will join him in welcoming the state's newest citizens. The Lions Club and American Legion Auxiliary will be there with special greetings, presenting the group with leis and American flags, respectively.

These naturalization ceremonies highlight the Honolulu District Office's successful efforts to process thousands of lawful permanent residents to become newly naturalized U.S. citizens. Last year, USCIS welcomed more than 700,000 citizens during naturalization ceremonies across the United States.

WHO: **Lloyd King, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge**
 John Kramar, USCIS District Director
 Mufi Hannemann, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu

LOCATION: **Courtroom 'Aha Nonoi**
 U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii

DATE/TIME: **Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 1:45 p.m.**

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****Applicants for citizenship will arrive at 1 p.m. Media are strongly encouraged to arrive early to interview applicants before the ceremony. Please bring your press credentials and a business card to expedite check in.**

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