



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 100 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration in Kennedy Space Center's Rocket Garden

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS) Orlando Field Office will welcome more than 100 new citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at the Kennedy Space Flight Center visitor complex. This is the first time that Kennedy Space Center has hosted a naturalization ceremony. This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

The 100 citizenship candidates taking the [*Oath of Allegiance*](#) originate from 36 countries. Several are U.S. service members.

This ceremony is part of USCIS's annual observance of Independence Day. An estimated 3,800 candidates will become citizens at 55 special ceremonies held across the country and around the world, from July 1-6.

WHO: Seth Harris, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor
Rendell Jones, Associate Director for Management, USCIS, Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
John Belcher, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Historic Annapolis Foundation

WHEN: Thursday, July 1, 2010, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex
Rocket Garden
Kennedy Space Center, FL

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NOTE: Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. For planning purposes and to facilitate security screening, media attending the ceremony are requested to RSVP to Sharon Scheidhauer at the contact above by noon on June 30. The new citizens will be available for media interviews.