



# Media Advisory

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## **USCIS to Welcome 25 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at Historic Merced Post Office**

FRESNO, Calif. – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Fresno Field Office will administer the [\*Oath of Allegiance\*](#) to America’s newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at Merced Post Office’s Bell Station under the timeless gaze of two murals depicting early California history. The ceremony will take place under the timeliness gaze of two murals depicting early California. This year’s ceremonies will celebrate our nation’s 234th birthday under the theme, “A Spirit of Independence.”

Merced Postmaster Charles Mittan will provide the keynote address.

The new citizens come from seven countries.

This ceremony is part of USCIS’s annual celebration 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:** Charles Mittan, Merced Postmaster

**WHEN:** Friday, July 2, 2010, 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** Merced Post Office, Bell Station  
415 West 18th Street  
Merced, CA

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**NOTE:** This event would provide a nice build-up to your July 4 news coverage. The new citizens will be available for interview.

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