



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 103 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at Strawberry Banke

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Field Office Director Simon Abi Nader will administer the *Oath of Allegiance* to America's newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at the Strawberry Banke Museum. This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

The 103 citizenship candidates originate from the following 42 countries: Australia, Bhutan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kosovo, Kuwait, Liberia, Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peoples Republic of China, Philippines, Switzerland, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Western Samoa and Zimbabwe.

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 around the world from July 1-6.

WHO: Simon Abi Nader, Field Office Director, USCIS

WHEN: Sunday, July 4, 2010, 12 p.m.

WHERE: Strawberry Banke
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NOTE: Media partners are encouraged to allow for time to set up before the ceremony begins