



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 30 New Citizens During During Fourth of July Celebration at the Raleigh Capitol Building

RALEIGH, N.C. — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Field Office Director Jeffrey Sapko will administer the *Oath of Allegiance* to America's newest citizens during a special naturalization ceremony at the steps of the Raleigh Capitol Building . This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

Magistrate Judge James Gates will be the honored guest and speaker.

The 30 citizenship candidates originate from the following 18 countries: Belarus, People's Republic of China, Colombia, France, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Thailand, Togo, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and Vietnam.

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: Jeffrey Sapko, Field Office Director, USCIS
Magistrate Judge James Gates

WHEN: Sunday, July 4, 2010 , 12 noon

WHERE: Raleigh Capitol Building
One East Edenton Street
Raleigh, NC

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NOTE: Please confirm your attendance to the event by Friday, July 2.