



Advisory

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NATIONAL MALL SITE OF CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY TO COMMEMORATE NATIONAL "CONSTITUTION DAY"

USCIS Washington, D.C District Director to Administer the Oath to 25 New Citizens

WASHINGTON – In commemoration of the 2nd Annual National "Constitution Day" Celebration on the National Mall, the National Education Project will host a special citizenship ceremony for 25 new Americans on the National Mall, at the U.S. Capitol Building, 12 p.m., Sunday, September 16.

Gregory Christian, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Washington, D.C. District, will administer the *Oath of Allegiance* to America's newest citizens at this special ceremony. He will also give the keynote address to the new American citizens. Norman Manasa, Director of the National Education Project, will give opening remarks.

The 25 new American citizens, all residents of Virginia, are from the following countries: Afghanistan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Chile, China, El Salvador, Guatemala, India, Laos, Lebanon, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Spain, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Ukraine and Vietnam.

USCIS naturalizes about 700,000 individuals a year. During fiscal year 2006, 20,401 residents of Virginia became United States citizens. For more information about the [naturalization](http://www.uscis.gov) process please visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov.

- EVENT:** Citizenship Swearing-In Ceremony for 25 new Americans to commemorate National Constitution Week
- TIME/DATE:** 12 p.m., Sunday, September 16, 2007
- LOCATION:** National Mall at the foot of the U.S. Capitol Building, next to the Capitol Reflecting Pool, 3rd Street, Between Pennsylvania and Maryland Avenues.
- CONTACT:** USCIS: Dan Kane, (202) 272-1219
- NOTE:** Media are requested to arrive no later than 11:30 a.m. for set-up and technical purposes.

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