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## **Camden Vicinage to Host Naturalization Ceremony**

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz will administer the Oath of Citizenship to 25 new citizens from 14 countries during the Camden Vicinage's Constitution Day celebration on Monday, Sept. 17.

The event will be held at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 63 at the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Camden.

“What better way to celebrate Constitution Day than with our third annual Naturalization Ceremony. Once naturalized, these new citizens are entitled to the same rights as those citizens born here. The fact that these new citizens have spent years attaining this goal emphasizes these rights and their value,” Judge Silverman Katz said.

Keith Dorr, supervisory immigration services officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will present the applicants before the oath is administered. Georgette Mejia, a Judiciary clerk with the vicinage and a naturalized citizen, will read the names of the candidates. Judge Silverman Katz and Trial Court Administrator Carole Cummings will present the citizens with their certificates. Gift bags presented to the new citizens are provided by the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution.

Vai Sikahema, news anchor for NBC10 News Today, will give keynote remarks. Ya-Mei Chen, Mount Laurel field office director for the Department of Homeland Security, and Camden County Bar Association president Ronald G. Lieberman also will speak at the event. The Camden County Sheriff's Honor Guard will present the colors for a flag salute, and Sheriff's Officer Thomas Brett will perform the national anthem.

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