



# Media Advisory

July 1, 2010

## **USCIS to Welcome 40 New Citizens During Fourth of July Celebration at the Genesee Country Village and Museum**

**MUMFORD, N.Y.** — Forty candidates will take the [\*Oath of Allegiance\*](#) during a special naturalization ceremony at the Genesee Country Village and Museum, one of the largest living history museums in the country. This year's ceremony will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

The Honorable Michael A. Telesca, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York, will preside over the ceremony.

The 40 citizenship candidates originate from 27 countries including Israel, Mexico, Pakistan, Romania, Sudan and Sweden.

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:** Honorable Michael A. Telesca, U.S. District Court, Western District of New York  
Edward A. Newman, Buffalo Field Office Director, USCIS

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 4, 2010, 11 a.m. (candidates report for check-in at 9:45 a.m.)

**WHERE:** Genesee Country Village and Museum  
1410 Flint Hill Road  
Mumford, New York 14511-0310

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**NOTE:** For planning purposes, media attending the ceremony are requested to RSVP to [stephanie.ostapowich@dhs.gov](mailto:stephanie.ostapowich@dhs.gov) by close of business, Friday, July 2, 2010. Media must arrive no later than 10:45 a.m. The ceremony will take place on the front steps of the Town Hall in the historic village. Parking available. For detailed directions visit the [Genesee Country Village and Museum website](#).