



Media Advisory

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USCIS to Welcome 150 New Citizens During Sunday's Fourth of July Celebration at Southport's Fort Johnson Garrison Lawn

Southport, S.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 Fort Johnson's Garrison Lawn. The naturalization ceremony is part of the Fourth of July Celebration of Southport. This year's ceremonies will celebrate our nation's 234th birthday under the theme, "A Spirit of Independence."

Honored guests and speakers include: Theresa Bertucci, Associate Director of Enterprises Services Directorate, USCIS.

The 150 citizenship candidates originate from the following 51 countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Burma, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, People's Republic of China, Colombia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USSR, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam and Yemen.

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
Theresa Bertucci, Associate Director of Enterprises Services, USCIS

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

WHERE: Fort Johnson-Garrison Lawn
Bay Street
Southport, NC

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