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USCIS HOSTS NATURALIZATION CEREMONY ON THE NATIONAL MALL

Washington, D.C. - To celebrate and highlight public service contributions of federal government employees working to naturalize new American citizens, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) hosted a naturalization ceremony today on the National Mall during Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) in Washington D.C. At the event, 25 new citizens from Somalia, Morocco, France, People’s Republic of China and Kenya and other countries were naturalized by Mike Aytes, Acting Director of Domestic Operations, USCIS.

“USCIS naturalizes more than 2,100 new Americans each day, and every citizenship application requires the scrutiny and special attention of many dedicated men and women at USCIS,” said USCIS Director Emilio T. Gonzalez. “Public Service Recognition Week is an opportunity for every American to reflect on the work of public servants who give back to their country and communities; whether they’re naturalizing new citizens, serving in the military or providing other vital public services.”

PSRW events will continue throughout the week. For more information about PSRW events, please visit our website at www.uscis.gov ; for schedule of USCIS activities on the Mall [click here](#)

Presentations and Demonstrations at USCIS Booth during PSRW:

- “Coming to America” - Students from Swanson Middle School will perform a re-enactment of the stories of immigrants who came to America through Ellis Island in New York City.
- “About Us: The USCIS Story” - A five-minute video introduction to USCIS.
- “Civic Questions and Answers” - Practice answers to citizenship questions and win a prize.
- “Ask about Your Genealogy” - USCIS staff will answer questions about researching genealogy.
- “U R Here Roadmap” - Interactive roadmap featuring questions from the “How Do I” series.
- “How Do I” - A review of the “How Do I” series questions with historical references/pictures

Dates: Thursday, May 4 through Saturday, May 6

Location: USCIS Exhibit, The National Mall, 7th Street, between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive, Washington, DC. (Directly across from the West Building of the National Gallery of Art.)