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USCIS INTRODUCES NEW EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE FOR IMMIGRANTS

"A Promise Of Freedom" Short Film Promotes U.S. History And Civic Values

PHILADELPHIA—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today introduced its latest educational tool for immigrants interested in becoming United States citizens. The short film *A Promise of Freedom: An Introduction to U.S. History and Civics for Immigrants*, was previewed before 100 new citizens during a naturalization ceremony at the National Constitution Center.

Developed in partnership with the National Constitution Center, the 12-minute film is based on the Center's award-winning multimedia theater presentation *Freedom Rising* and was designed for use by community groups, public libraries, and adult educators. An engaging, audio-visual education resource for immigrant audiences, the film focuses on the history and founding of our nation and the important rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, while highlighting the contributions of immigrants throughout our history.

"As a nation, we have a responsibility to prepare those who are new to our shores to fully participate in our society and our government," said USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez. "The freedom we enjoy is the promise that citizenship holds for immigrants to the United States."

A booklet accompanying *A Promise of Freedom* provides an overview of the film's concepts and contains additional resources to help prepare immigrants for citizenship. The booklet can be used for self-study or as an instrument to lead group discussion in English as a Second Language (ESL) and/or citizenship preparation classes.

Beginning later this year, USCIS officials will use *A Promise of Freedom* and its accompanying discussion booklet to deliver citizenship information seminars, or "Civic Orientation Sessions," across the country. *A Promise of Freedom* is packaged along with a Flash® presentation on the naturalization process titled, *Becoming a U.S. Citizen: An Overview of the Naturalization Process*, and may be purchased through the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) by calling 1-866-512-1800 or by ordering through their website at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>.

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