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63 Citizenship Candidates to be Sworn in at Illinois' 12th Annual U.S. Constitution & Citizenship Day Celebration at Daley Plaza

Chicago, Ill. - Today Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer administered the Oath of Allegiance to 63 candidates from 31 countries at Illinois' 12th Annual U.S. Constitution & Citizenship Day Celebration hosted by the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State. The Daley Plaza event commemorated the 235th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution.

"Our new citizens have worked very hard to achieve this dream. Today – when we celebrate the signing of the Constitution and also observe National Voter Registration Day – we extend a warm welcome to these American citizens. Sworn in under the shadow of the soaring Picasso sculpture, we are hopeful that these new citizens will have soaring success in their new home and will help our country live up to the ideals enshrined in the Constitution," said Chief Judge Pallmeyer.

U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois John Lausch Jr. moved for the admission of candidates for naturalization. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White welcomed the new citizens.

Cheryl Scott, meteorologist from ABC 7 Chicago, served as emcee for the celebration. Officials from Illinois Secretary of State's Office, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as well as Bugles Across America and the Lincoln Park High School Color Guard participated in the ceremony.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court has conducted naturalization ceremonies outdoors, in large public spaces that allow for distancing, and has had to limit the number of citizens at each courthouse ceremony to allow for social distancing and to comply with health guidelines.

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