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Justice Jaynee LaVecchia to Preside Over Burlington Vicinage Naturalization Ceremony

Supreme Court Associate Justice Jaynee LaVecchia and Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder will preside over a naturalization ceremony and administer the Oath of Citizenship to 26 foreign-born residents of Burlington County as part of the Burlington Vicinage's Constitution Week celebration.

The ceremony will be held on Friday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. in the historic Olde Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly. The applicants for citizenship come from 18 countries.

"We are honored to have Justice LaVecchia join us to celebrate this event and proud to bring to our newest 'fellow Americans' the benefits and honor of American citizenship," said Bookbinder.

The Pemberton Township High School JROTC will open the ceremony by presenting the colors and Jenette Stiu, senior probation officer, will sing the national anthem. Remarks will be delivered by Justice LaVecchia, Alona Crenshaw, a member of the Willingboro-Burlington Chapter of the New Jersey Orators, and Shereen Chen, attorney from the law firm of Hyland Levin.

This year marks the 228th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787. In conjunction with Constitution Day, the vicinage is celebrating Juror Appreciation Week from Sept. 14 to Sept. 18. Judge Bookbinder will launch the week's activities by signing a proclamation designating Constitution and Citizenship Day and Constitution and Juror Appreciation Week 2015.

Juror Appreciation Week recognizes citizens who have served on juries and sends a positive message to the public about the importance of jury service.

"We thank our jurors for their service, said Bookbinder. "Jury duty allows Burlington County citizens the opportunity to participate up-close in our system of justice."

Those serving during Juror Appreciation Week will be provided special refreshments and small gifts of appreciation from the Burlington County Bar Foundation.

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