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Camden Vicinage to Host Naturalization Ceremony

The Camden Vicinage, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will host a naturalization ceremony on Flag Day, June 14.

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 63 at the Hall of Justice, 101 S. 5th St, Camden. Approximately 20 applicants for citizenship from 10 countries will participate.

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz will preside over the ceremony and administer the Oath of Citizenship. Ya-Mei Chen, field office director for the Mt. Laurel Field Office for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, will present the applicants prior to the oath.

“On June 14, the Camden Vicinage will be hosting a naturalization ceremony for the first time in vicinage history. I am honored to officiate this ceremony and congratulate all of those who have chosen to become U.S. citizens with all the rights, privileges and civic responsibilities it entails,” said Judge Silverman Katz.

Ana Fernandez, a retired vicinage senior probation officer and naturalized citizen who immigrated to the United States from Cuba as a teenager, will give the keynote address. Fernandez was part of the mass emigration of Cubans who traveled from Cuba’s Mariel Harbor to the United States in 1980 seeking asylum.

Camden County Freeholder Director Louis Cappelli Jr. and Camden County Bar Association President Louis R. Moffa Jr. will also deliver remarks. Freeholder Susan Shin Angulo will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Camden County Sheriff’s Honor Guard will present the colors for a flag salute and the Creative Arts Morgan Village Academy Choir will perform the national anthem and other patriotic songs. Students from the Catto Community School’s 8th grade class have prepared letters for the new citizens.

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