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Judiciary to Celebrate Law Day at Courthouses Around the State

The Judiciary will celebrate Law Day this week and throughout the month of May with events at the Richard .J. Hughes Justice Complex in Trenton and in courthouses around the state.

This year's Law Day theme is "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy." Through its citizenship, due process and equal protection clauses, the 14th Amendment served as the cornerstone for landmark civil rights legislation and the foundation for numerous federal court decisions protecting the fundamental rights of Americans.

[Recorded remarks](#) by Chief Justice Stuart Rabner marking the occasion can be viewed at njcourts.gov.

"The 14th Amendment extended many of our most basic rights by ensuring that states could not infringe upon those guarantees. This year, on Law Day, we celebrate the approaching 150th anniversary of that amendment," the chief justice said.

The Justice Complex Law Day event, co-hosted by the Judiciary and the Department of Law and Public Safety, will be held Tuesday, May 2. The festivities will include a naturalization ceremony for approximately 46 new citizens from 19 different countries.

Chief Justice Rabner will officiate the naturalization ceremony at 10 a.m. in the Justice Complex lobby. Reporters and photographers who want to attend should call the Judiciary press office at 609-815-2910.

Law Day is a national event established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958 as "a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law." A [schedule](#) of Law Day activities from vicinages around the state can be viewed at njcourts.gov.

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