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Supreme Court Justice Walter Timpone to Preside over Burlington Vicinage Naturalization Ceremony

New Jersey Supreme Court Associate Justice Walter F. Timpone and Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder will preside over a naturalization ceremony and administer the Oath of Allegiance to 20 foreign-born residents of Burlington County.

The ceremony, part of the vicinage's celebration of Constitution Week, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. in the historic Olde Courthouse, 120 High St., Mount Holly. The applicants for citizenship come from 15 countries.

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

The Pemberton Township High School JROTC will open the ceremony by presenting the colors. Students from Rancocas Valley High School will sing the national anthem and fifth grade students from Sacred Heart Elementary School will recite the preamble to the U.S. Constitution.

Remarks will be delivered by Justice Timpone; Ya-Mei Chen, field office director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; Katie Cottingham of the Willingboro-Burlington Chapter of the New Jersey Orators; Douglas Heinold, president of the Burlington County Bar Association and Shereen Chen, an attorney with the law firm of Chen Gray Law Group LLC.

Members of the Moorestown Chapter of the League of Women Voters will be present to register the new citizens to vote at the end of the ceremony.

Judge Bookbinder will begin the week's activities by signing a proclamation declaring Constitution and Citizenship Day. This year marks the 230th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787.

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