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Ocean Vicinage to Host Naturalization Ceremony

The Ocean Vicinage will host a naturalization ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 1:30 p.m. in Historic Courtroom 1 at the Ocean County Courthouse, 118 Washington St., Toms River.

Assignment Judge Marlene Lynch Ford will preside over the event. Jose L. Linares, retired chief judge of the U.S. District Court for New Jersey, will administer the Oath of Allegiance before giving the keynote address.

“We welcome 23 new American citizens from 19 different countries and five continents across the globe,” Judge Ford said. “Our new Americans came here seeking greater opportunity for success, and to raise their families in a country governed by laws and a Constitution challenging us to forever achieve a more perfect union. The United States of America represents a beacon of freedom for anyone willing to share the responsibilities and the benefits of American citizenship. As my grandparents did over a hundred years ago – immigrants from Ireland and Ukraine – these new citizens are now becoming part of the fabric of our distinctly American community.”

The Ocean County Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard will open the ceremony by presenting the colors.

The program also will include a vocal performance by the Ocean County Vocational Technical School’s Performing Arts Academy as well as remarks by Ocean County Freeholder Virginia E. Haines. Keith Dorr, supervisory immigration services officer for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, will present the applicants. Several Judiciary employees who are naturalized citizens also will be featured.

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