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## **Monmouth Vicinage to Host Naturalization Ceremony in Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month**

The Monmouth Vicinage will host a naturalization ceremony for 50 new citizens on Friday, Oct. 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the jury assembly room of the Monmouth County Courthouse, 71 Monument Park, Freehold.

Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton will preside over the ceremony and Superior Court Judge Lourdes Lucas, chair of the Monmouth Vicinage EEO/AA Advisory Committee, will offer remarks, administer the Oath of Allegiance and present certificates to the new citizens.

The ceremony will be conducted in conjunction with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Keith Dorr, supervisory immigration services officer from the USCIS Mount Laurel field office, will facilitate the naturalization process.

Students from the Colts Neck High School Navy Junior ROTC will present the colors and a student from Freehold Borough High School will perform a musical selection. The ceremony is part of the vicinage's annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and is intended to increase awareness of the varied paths of migration and citizenship within our nation.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information about attending or to reserve a seat, please contact Ombudsman Rebekah Heilman at [monreserve.mailbox@njcourts.gov](mailto:monreserve.mailbox@njcourts.gov). Reservations are recommended based on space limitations, but are not required. Media inquiries should be directed to Janet Slocum at 732-358-8700, ext. 87025.

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