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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY Court Celebrates Law Day

In commemoration of Law Day, the District Court of Guam will host a special Naturalization Ceremony to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. On this day, the District Court of Guam will welcome 36 new citizens to the United States of America, as they take their oath of citizenship. These soon-to-be citizens hail from the countries of Fiji, Palau, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, South Korea, and Taiwan.

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Robert J. Torres, Jr., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam.

Law Day is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law and to recognize how the law and the legal process contribute to the freedoms shared by all fellow Americans. Law Day also provides an opportunity for our citizens to recognize the role of courts in our democracy and the importance of jury service to maintaining the integrity of the courts. This year's Law Day theme is "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under Law." The Magna Carta embodies the rights that are rooted in our United States Bill of Rights and Constitution, the supreme law of the land. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution ("no person shall . . . be deprived of the life, liberty, or property, without due process of law") was expressed in the Magna Carta, which is one of the core principles echoed in the Constitution. "As we mark the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta, let us rededicate ourselves by advancing the principle of the rule of law on this special day together with our new fellow citizens," remarked Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood, for the District Court of Guam.

This year's celebration will also allow the 36 newly naturalized citizens to fully exercise their rights, as the court will host a Citizenship Outreach Program for these citizens. Immediately after the naturalization ceremony, these new citizens will be able to register to vote and apply for a U.S. passport, provided they have the appropriate supporting documentation for the application. Representatives from the Guam Election Commission and the Guam Passport Office will be present after the ceremony to assist these new citizens with any questions.