



## District Court of Guam

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### **DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY Court Celebrates Liberation Day**

On July 22, 2010, the District Court of Guam will proudly host a special Liberation Day Naturalization Ceremony, commemorating the 66th anniversary of the liberation of Guam by United States armed forces. Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood will swear in approximately 35 new citizens from various countries as new citizens of the United States of America.

“Holding a special naturalization ceremony in recognition of Liberation Day may resonate with these new citizens, many of whom have made their own sacrifices in their quest to call the United States their home,” said Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood.

Giving the keynote address at the Liberation Day Ceremony is Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo, who has been serving as Guam’s delegate to the House of Representatives for seven years. A graduate of George Washington High School, Congresswoman Bordallo has served five terms as a senator in the Guam Legislature, and served two continuous terms as Guam’s first woman Lieutenant Governor from 1995 to 2002. In 2003, she became the first woman to represent Guam in Congress. Now in her fourth term, she continues her work in the House Committee on Natural Resources and House Armed Services Committee. She is currently the Chair of the House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife. Her more than 40 years of public service demonstrates her commitment to the people of her island and her nation.

“Freedom is not free,” said Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood. “The rights and privileges that are enjoyed by our nation’s citizens come with responsibilities to our island and our country.” The Liberation Day Naturalization Ceremony at the District Court will allow the newly naturalized citizens to fully exercise their rights, as the court will host its sixth Citizenship Outreach Program for these citizens. Immediately after the naturalization ceremony, the new citizens will be able to register to vote and apply for a U.S. passport, provided they have 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 new citizens with any questions.

Media outlets who will be attending the ceremony must make arrangements prior to the ceremony by contacting Cindy Palacios at 473-9200 or by email at [cynthia\\_palacios@gud.uscourts.gov](mailto:cynthia_palacios@gud.uscourts.gov).