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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY Court Celebrates Independence Day

On Thursday, July 3, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., the District Court of Guam will host a special Independence Day Naturalization Ceremony where the Court will welcome and witness America's 53 newest citizens take the oath of citizenship. This will be a momentous event for our new citizens, who hail from the countries of Australia, Japan, Palau, People's Republic of China, Philippines, South Korea and Taiwan.

The Honorable Vernon P. Perez, Associate Judge for the Superior Court of Guam, will give the keynote address on this special day.

"On the fourth of July each year, our nation celebrates the historic day in 1776 when the Founding Fathers and the representatives from the 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration embodies the values and beliefs of every American citizen and that they have 'unalienable rights' of 'Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.' It is a privilege that we can share with our new fellow American citizens, remarked Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood."

To further encourage the newly naturalized citizens to fully exercise their rights, the court will also host a Citizenship Outreach Program. Immediately after the naturalization ceremony, the new citizens may 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 these new citizens with any questions.