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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, May 2, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. On this day, the District Court of Guam will welcome 50 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 Bangladesh, the Republic of China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, the Philippines, Mexico, Palau, South Korea, and Thailand.

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Katherine A. Maraman, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam. Chief Justice Maraman joined the Supreme Court of Guam in 2008 and was sworn in as Chief Justice on January 17, 2017. She is the first female Chief Justice of Guam. Before her appointment to the Supreme Court, she served as a Judge for the Superior Court of Guam for 14 years. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Guam. Chief Justice Maraman received a Bachelor of Arts in economics from Colorado College and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of New Mexico.

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. Guam's Law Day theme, "*Evolving Liberty: Guam 75 Years Later*," calls us to reflect on the development of the rule of law in Guam since the Liberation, including the rights and liberties afforded to us, along with the challenges still facing us today.

"As we approach the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guam, let us rededicate ourselves by promoting the public understanding of the rule of law and the role of our judicial system with our new fellow Americans," remarked Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood.