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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 Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. On this day, the District Court of Guam will welcome 55 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 Germany, India, Japan, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, and the Republic of Korea.

Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood states, "Law Day is a national celebration of the rule of law. As you know, Law Day has evolved into a weeks-long event on Guam, where our community members – from preschool aged children to our senior citizens – are invited to engage with our local and federal judiciaries to gain a deeper understanding of the crucial role played by the courts in a democracy. I encourage our new citizens, and the rest of our island community, to take part in this great opportunity." This year, the American Bar Association's Law Day theme is "The 14th Amendment: Transforming American Democracy." Particularly for Guam, where only the second sentence of the first of the five sections of the 14th Amendment applies, the Law Day theme raises for discussion many important issues of citizenship, equality and fundamental rights under the U.S. Constitution.

The keynote speaker for this event is the Honorable Katherine A. Maraman, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam. Her Honor joined the Supreme Court of Guam in 2008 and in January of this year, became Guam's first woman to take the helm as Chief Justice. Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court of Guam, she served as a Judge for the Superior Court of Guam for 14 years.