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**DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY  
Court Celebrates Filipino American History Month**

On Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., the District Court of Guam will proudly host a special Filipino American History Month Naturalization Ceremony. The celebration of Filipino American History Month during the month of October was recognized by United States Congress in 2009. Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American Group in the nation, with over 450,000 Filipinos having been naturalized in the United States since 2009.

In line with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines implemented by the Government of Guam, the Naturalization Ceremony will take place in front of the courthouse, in the District Court of Guam's **first drive through** Naturalization Ceremony, where the soon-to-be citizens will take their oath to bear faith and allegiance to our great nation. This is a momentous event as the court welcomes 22 new citizens. Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood states: "We extend our most sincere congratulations and well wishes, as well as prayers for health and safety during these unprecedented times to all of our new citizens." She will be joined by Magistrate Judge Bordallo in welcoming our newest citizens of the United States of America.