

**PRESS RELEASE**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA**

**Southern District of Indiana Naturalizes Citizens as Part of  
National Celebration of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day**

*Media is Welcome to Cover First-Ever  
National Day of Naturalization Ceremonies*

**For Immediate Release (September 15, 2014):** This week, America's newest citizens will take the Oath of Allegiance at naturalization ceremonies across the country in celebration of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. Locally, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana will host a special naturalization ceremony on **Thursday, September 18**, at the **Indiana State Museum's Frank O'Bannon Great Hall**, 650 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN. The ceremony will begin at **10:00 am**, with **Judge William T. Lawrence presiding**.

Students from Indianapolis Public Schools' Lew Wallace Elementary have created hand-written welcome letters for each of the 75 new citizens, and music, song, and the presentation of the colors will be part of the ceremony. Additionally, the youngest new citizen will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mrs. Wick's Pie Company from Winchester, Indiana, will provide a slice of Indiana's official state pie, sugar cream pie, to guests. Other special touches include display of the "Freedom Mural" created by students from Hasten Hebrew Academy, who will be on hand for the event, and an appearance by an Abraham Lincoln historical interpreter.

The Southern District of Indiana is among [two dozen federal courts](#) around the country that have scheduled naturalization ceremonies marking the date in 1787 that delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the nation's founding document. This is the first time the Federal Judiciary has coordinated a day of naturalization ceremonies across the nation. To support Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, as well as court-related civics education, the federal courts provide multi-media [educational resources](#) that are ready for immediate use in courtrooms and classrooms.

Film and print media are welcome to cover the event, but are asked to be in place by 9:50 am on the day of the event. New citizens, their families, and participating students are not obligated to grant interviews, but reporters are free to request interviews after the ceremony.

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