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### **262 New American Citizens Take Oath at Rockford's Coronado Performing Arts Center**

Rockford, Ill. – On May 30, 2024, 262 individuals from 56 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens in a special naturalization ceremony at the Coronado Performing Arts Center.

“Congratulations and welcome to our newest citizens. I invite and encourage you to help make our nation stronger and kinder. I hope that in your new chapter as U.S. citizens you will register to vote, serve on juries when called upon, get involved in our community, and reach out with generosity and love to those who need support,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, U.S. District Court N.D. Illinois.

U.S. District Judge Iain D. Johnston administered the Oath of Allegiance. Judge Erik K. Jacobs, 17th Judicial Circuit Court, welcomed the new citizens.

Every year thousands of immigrants visit the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois to be sworn in as U.S. citizens at naturalization ceremonies. The district's judges preside over these ceremonies, which take place in both of the district's courthouses and throughout the district. Family and friends gather to watch as new citizens take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States, a sworn declaration that every citizenship applicant must recite during a formal ceremony in order to become a naturalized American citizen. When taking the Oath, the new citizen promises to support and defend the U.S. Constitution and the laws of the U.S.

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