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Naturalization Ceremony Welcomes New U.S. Citizens

What could be more inspiring during the nation's 250th anniversary year than to witness more than one dozen foreign-born people take the Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. citizens? Fifteen people from across the globe will do just that during a naturalization ceremony on **Saturday, June 27** at **5 p.m.** at the **Vienna Community Center** located at 120 Cherry St., SE, in Vienna, Va.

The festivities include live music and local entertainment beginning at 3:30 p.m., and the ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. Vienna scout troops will present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Sunday Moran of the Vienna Youth Players "Guys and Dolls" cast will perform the national anthem. Mayor Linda Colbert and Congressman James Walkinshaw will offer congratulations to the newly minted citizens along with USCIS staff, and Vienna-area resident Ron Levy, the son of Jewish German refugees, will present the keynote address.

The naturalization ceremony serves as one of the main events during Liberty Amendments Month, a month-long series of events running from June 13 – July 13 in the Town of Vienna. This month commemorates the legacy of the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which granted citizenship, equality, and voting rights to all Americans, regardless of race, gender, or culture. This specific ceremony highlights the impact of the 14th Amendment, which addresses citizenship, due process, and equal protection under the law.

For more information about Liberty Amendments month and to see the full calendar, visit www.viennava.gov/liberty.

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