

MEDIA FACT SHEET

NC 4th of July Festival Naturalization Ceremony, 2011

Ms. Denise Frazier District 8 Director in Atlanta, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security will administer the Oath of United States Citizenship to 152 candidates, in a ceremony beginning at 4:00 PM on the Ft. Johnston Garrison House lawn on July 3, 2011. Also speaking from the Transportation Security Administration in Washington DC will be Ms. Gale D. Rossides, The Deputy Administrator. We will also be joined by the Honorable Robert B. Jones, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina at Wilmington. The ceremony, the 15th annual event, is a significant part of the NC 4th of July Festival held annually in Southport, NC. This will be among the largest number of new citizens to ever participate in the Southport ceremony. The keynote speaker for this annual event will be Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo, himself a product of an immigrant family from Greece. The new citizens represent 52 countries from 9 continents around the world. The largest number of new citizens, 25, originates from Mexico, with another 13 from India, 9 from Columbia, 8 from the Philippines, and 7 from Vietnam. Among our new fellow citizens nearly 28% immigrated from Asia, over 25% from Central America (including Mexico) and the Caribbean, just over 16% from Africa, 15% from Europe, just under 8% from South America, 2.6% from Canada, and one (1) person from Australia. Among the total there are six (6) couples, 2 each from India and Vietnam; and 1 each from Mexico, and Nigeria, scheduled to take their oaths of citizenship. In addition, a first for the NC 4th of July Festival, a family of four (4), parents and 2 children, from Poland will become citizens at the same time.

<u>NC 4th of July Festival 2011 Immigration Ceremony Statistics</u>		
<u>NATIONS REPRESENTED (152)</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
ANGOLA	1	0.6%
AUSTRALIA	1	0.6%
BANGLADESH	1	0.6%
BRAZIL	2	1.3%
BURMA	1	0.6%
CAMEROON	1	0.6%
CANADA	4	2.6%
CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF	7	4.5%
COLOMBIA	9	5.8%
CUBA	1	0.6%
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1	0.6%
EGYPT	1	0.6%
EL SALVADOR	5	3.2%
FINLAND	1	0.6%

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GERMANY	1	0.6%
GHANA	2	1.3%
GREECE	1	0.6%
GUINEA	1	0.6%
HAITI	1	0.6%
HONDURAS	3	1.9%
HUNGARY	1	0.6%
INDIA	13	8.4%
IRAN	1	0.6%
IRELAND	1	0.6%
ITALY	1	0.6%
JAMAICA	3	1.9%
JORDAN	2	1.3%
KENYA	3	1.9%
KUWAIT	1	0.6%
LEBANON	1	0.6%
LIBERIA	1	0.6%
MEXICO	25	16.2%
MOROCCO	4	3.2%
NETHERLANDS	1	0.6%
NIGERIA	5	3.2%
PAKISTAN	2	1.3%
PERU	1	0.6%
PHILIPPINES	8	5.2%
POLAND	5	3.2%
RUSSIA	5	3.2%
SIERRA LEONE	3	1.9%
SOUTH AFRICA	1	0.6%
SOUTH KOREA	1	0.6%
SWEDEN	2	1.3%
THAILAND	2	1.3%
THE GAMBIA	1	0.6%
UNITED KINGDOM	3	1.9%
USSR	1	0.6%
VIETNAM	7	4.5%
YEMEN	1	0.6%
ZIMBABWE	1	0.6%
<u>REGIONS REPRESENTED (9)</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
NORTH AMERICA	4	2.6%
CENTRAL AMERICA	33	21.7%
CARIBBEAN	6	3.9%
SOUTH AMERICA	12	7.9%
AUSTRALIA	1	0.7%
ASIA	42	27.6%

<u>REGIONS REPRESENTED (9)</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
MIDDLE EAST	6	3.9%
AFRICA	25	16.4%
EUROPE	23	15.1%
OCEANIA	0	0.0%

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