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NATURALIZATION CEREMONY TO ATTRACT 80 NEW CITIZENS

The North Carolina 4th of July Festival will conduct its 22nd annual Naturalization Ceremony on July 3rd on the Ft. Johnston Garrison House lawn beginning at 4:00 PM. This annual feature of the Festival will be preceded by a band concert with music from the Brunswick Concert Band starting at 3 p.m. The keynote speaker for this annual event will be District Court Judge Jason Disbrow, 13th Judicial District of North Carolina. The Naturalization Ceremony is sponsored by Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center, Downtown Southport, Inc., and Wilmington Big Talker FM.

The ceremony is a significant part of the NC 4th of July Festival held annually in Southport, NC. It is anticipated that 80 new citizens from 38 countries will be administered the oath of citizenship by Honorable Robert T. Jones, Jr., United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Judge Jason Disbrow graduated from North Carolina State University in 1994 with a degree Bachelor of Science in Business Management. He received his Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central School of Law in 1998. After several years in private practice, Stiller & Disbrow, Mr. Disbrow was appointed to the district court bench to fill an unexpired term in December 2015. In November 2016, he was elected to a four-year term. Judge Disbrow has called Southport; North Carolina is home since 1998. He along with his wife Kristie and two sons, Hogan and Ford, are members of Trinity United Methodist where enjoys his involvement with the praise team as a singer. When Judge Disbrow isn't attending court, you may find him spending time with his family, golfing and running.

For over 200 years the city of Southport, N.C. has celebrated the nation's independence. Annually over 40,000 people visit during the festival. With events ranging from arts & crafts in the park, vendor booths, street dances, gallery walks and of course a parade, the area is known as the official celebration location for the state of North Carolina. For more details regarding the festival visit the Southport-Oak Island Area Chamber of Commerce's website www.southport-oakisland.com or official July 4th's website at www.nc4thofjuly.com.

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