

MEDIA FACT SHEET

NC 4th of July Festival Naturalization Ceremony, 2019

Honorable Robert T. Jones, Jr., United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, will administer the Oath of United States Citizenship to 80 candidates from throughout eastern North Carolina in a ceremony beginning at 4:00 PM on the Ft. Johnston Garrison House lawn on July 3, 2019. The ceremony, the 23rd 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 participate in the Southport ceremony. The keynote speaker for this annual event will be Brunswick County Commission Chairman Frank Williams. The new citizens represent 35 countries from 9 regions around the world. The largest number of new citizens, 13 originates from Mexico; with another 8 from the Philippines; and 5 each from Canada and South Africa. Among our new fellow citizens over 26% immigrated from Asia; 22.5% from Canada & Mexico; almost 13% from Central America and the Caribbean region; over 11% from Africa; 10% from South America; 7.5% each from the Middle East and Europe; 1 immigrant from New Zealand. Among the total there are two (2) couples scheduled to take their oaths of citizenship.

NATION	NUMBER	PERCENT
BOLIVIA	1	1.3%
BRAZIL	2	2.5%
BURMA	4	5.0%
CAMEROON	1	1.3%
CANADA	5	6.3%
CHINA, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF	1	1.3%
COLOMBIA	1	1.3%
CUBA	1	1.3%
ECUADOR	1	1.3%
EGYPT	1	1.3%
GERMANY	1	1.3%
GUYANA	2	2.5%
HAITI	1	1.3%
HONDURAS	3	3.8%
INDIA	2	2.5%
IRAN	1	1.3%
JAMAICA	4	5.0%
JAPAN	1	1.3%
KENYA	1	1.3%
LATVIA	1	1.3%
MEXICO	13	16.3%
MOLDVA	1	1.3%
NEW ZEALAND	1	1.3%

NATION	NUMBER	PERCENT
PANAMA	1	1.3%
PERU	1	1.3%
PHILIPPINES	8	10.0%
POLAND	1	1.3%
SENEGAL	1	1.3%
SOUTH AFRICA	5	6.3%
THAILAND	1	1.3%
UNITED KINGDOM	2	2.5%
VIETNAM	4	5.0%
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REGION	NUMBER	PERCENT
North America & Mexico	18	22.5%
Central America	5	6.3%
Caribbean	6	7.5%
South America	8	10.0%
Asia (Incl Philippines)	21	26.3%
Middle East	6	7.5%
New Zealand/Australia	1	1.3%
Europe	6	7.5%
Africa	9	11.3%
TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	35	

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