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

Rockford, Ill. – On March 19, 2024, 292 individuals from 65 countries were sworn in as U.S. citizens in a special naturalization ceremony at the Coronado Performing Arts Center.

“On behalf of the court, welcome and congratulations to our newest citizens. The ability to vote in elections is one of the greatest privileges and responsibilities that comes with U.S. Citizenship. On this election day, I urge you, new citizens, to register and vote in elections so you can have a say in the future of our community, state, and nation,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, U.S. District Court N.D. Illinois.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Lisa A. Jensen, U.S. District Court for N.D. Illinois, administered the Oath of Allegiance. Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara 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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