

# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Naturalization Ceremony



July 2nd, 2021
Historic Northampton Courthouse
Northampton, MA



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# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Master of ceremonies

Garrin Schlink, USCIS, Immigration Services Assistant

Convening of the Court

Maurice Lindsay, Deputy Clerk, U.S. District Court

Posting of the Colors

Opening Song - America the Beautiful

**Evelyn Harris** 

**Welcoming Remarks** 

Laurie Millman, Director, Center for New Americans Honorable David J. Narkewicz, Mayor, Northampton

Motion for Name Change/Admittance to Citizenship Garrin Schlink, USCIS, Immigration Services Assistant

Administration of the Oath of Allegiance

Maurice Lindsay, Deputy Clerk, U.S. District Court

Pledge of Allegiance

**National Anthem** 

**Evelyn Harris** 

Order of Admission to Citizenship/Remarks

Honorable Katherine A. Robertson, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Closing Song - My Country 'Tis of Thee

**Evelyn Harris** 

**Retirement of Colors** 

Adjournment of the Court

Maurice Lindsay, Deputy Clerk, U.S. District Court

**Presentation of Certificates** 

Honorable Katherine A. Robertson, U.S. Magistrate Judge



## The Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

## Oath of Allegiance

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom, or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the armed forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

# Support from our dedicated W. Mass Legislators



#### "CONGRATULATIONS!

to everyone participating in today's service.

You make our community a better place.

With gratitude to the Center for New Americans and all that you do to support our immigrant neighbors."

- State Representative Mindy Domb

413/461-2060 or mindy.domb@mahouse.gov





Congratulations and welcome to all those taking the oath of citizenship. Western Massachusetts, the Commonwealth, and our nation are stronger today because of you. Heartfelt thanks to all the staff and volunteers at Center for New Americans.

### (413) 367-4656 • Jo.Comerford@MASenate.gov SenatorJoComerford.org

~ Senator Jo Comerford, Jared Freedman, Brian Rosman, Elena Cohen, Cameron Lease, Sam Hopper on behalf of the Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester district





#### Center for New Americans welcomes and serves immigrants:

#### We offer:

- · Free English classes face-to-face and online
- Career guidance and support services for students
- A nurse aide training at Smith Vocational & Agricultural High School
- · Free citizenship application and preparation assistance
- Assistance with immigration legal services

Our program sites are in Amherst, Northampton, and Greenfield, and we offer classes in Turners Falls too

For more information: 413-587-0084; www.cnam.org.



"Congratulations to our new citizens and a special thank you to all the staff and volunteers at CNA."

Congressman

Jim McGovern



#### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN?

Are you a legal permanent resident (LPR)?

Have you been an LPR for 5 years (or 3 years and married to a US citizen)?

Are you 18 years old or older?

Can you understand, speak, read, and write basic English (some exceptions for disabilities, age and years as an LPR)?

Are you a person of good moral character?

Do you know about U.S. civics, history, and government?

If you can answer "yes", consider applying today.

Center for New Americans can help.

Email info@cnam.org; call: 413-587-0084, ext 105.







"Everywhere immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life."



# Welcome to our Newest Citizens!

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#### WHY BECOME A U.S. CITIZEN?

- Only U.S. citizens can vote in all elections.
- It is easier for a U.S. citizen to bring family members to the U.S.
- A child born outside of the country to U.S. citizen parents has rights to U.S. citizenship.
- Children with green cards who are under the age of 18 when their parent becomes a U.S. citizen automatically become U.S. citizens.
- A U.S. passport makes you eligible for assistance from the U.S. government when you are outside of the U.S.
- Most jobs with the government are open only to U.S. citizens.
- U.S. citizens can travel outside the U.S. for as long as they want without losing citizenship.



# Congratulations New Citizens!







#### Spotlight on one of Center for New Americans' new citizens:



Keylin Perez came to the U.S. from Nicaragua in 2013.

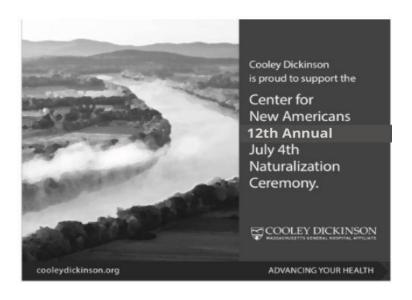
She went to Center for New Americans for free English classes.

When she decided to apply for citizenship, Center for New Americans assisted her with filling out the N-400 application, and provided her with a tutor who helped her to study for the test questions.

Keylin applied for citizenship in May, 2020. She had her interview in Lawrence, MA in March 2021.

"It was very exciting for me to become a U.S. citizen, a country to which I am grateful for so many opportunities and security. My husband and two children are also citizens of the United States."





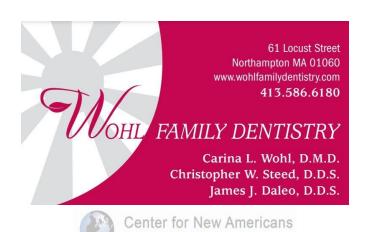
This is your moment and we're there for you!





#### Center for New Americans thanks ...

- The Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants and their Citizenship for New Americans Program
- Our W. Mass delegation, Mayor David Narkewicz,
   D.A. Dave Sullivan
- U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services
- The League of Women Voters, Northampton Chapter
- Center for New Americans' Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers
- The Honorable Katherine A. Robertson and Deputy Clerk Maurice Lindsay
- Our business sponsors
- The Trial Court staff
- Evelyn Harris, local vocal artist
- The immigrants who guide and inspire our effort

















# **Countries of Former Nationality**

Belgium Bhutan Brazil Dominican Republic Egypt Guatemala Haiti India Iraq Jamaica **Pakistan** Somalia Sri Lanka Uganda Uruguay Vietnam