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Hartford Public Library Holds U.S. Naturalization Ceremony

Sept. 6, 2016 — Fifty immigrants from many nations will become citizens of the United States on Friday, Sept. 16, at a Naturalization Ceremony at Hartford Public Library, which honors national Citizenship Day and Welcoming America Week.

The Honorable Donna Martinez, a U.S. Magistrate Judge, will preside and administer the Oath of Allegiance to the new U.S. citizens.

Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, Secretary of State Denise Merrill, and Diane Cantello, vice president of corporate sustainability at The Hartford, will also give congratulatory remarks.

"Libraries are the heart of the community, and as welcoming places for all are the perfect place to host and celebrate with our new citizens on this very special occasion," says HPLCEO Bridget Quinn-Carey, who will also speak at the ceremony. "We offer our warmest welcome and heartiest congratulations to this group of new Americans."

The public is invited to witness the ceremony and celebrate with the new U.S. citizens.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services are partners in the program.

Hartford Public Library offers many services to help immigrants on a pathway to citizenship, including legal advice, English classes, free computer access, forms and tests, and citizenship classes.

For additional information: http://bit.ly/2bQCa3E

