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Westchester County Clerk Welcomes 917 New Naturalized Citizens in 2017

Ceremonies Held at the Westchester County Courthouse Each Month

White Plains, New York - America has always been called the melting pot but has recently been complicated by the national issues of immigration and deportation. But here in Westchester nine hundred seventeen new naturalized citizens since January 1st will celebrate America's independence on July 4th as proud Americans. Each swore their Oath of Allegiance, led by County Clerk Tim Idoni, during ceremonies held in the Richard Daronco Courthouse in White Plains. The ceremonies are held traditionally twice a month at the site. Westchester's newest Americans are composed of representatives from as many as two dozen countries.

County Clerk Idoni stated, "Of the more than one dozen formal duties performed as the Westchester County Clerk, the most enjoyable is the swearing in of our new citizens. The smiles on the faces of more than one hundred twenty new citizens each time say their journey is complete." Idoni has sworn in over 30,000 new citizens since taking office in 2006.

Each of the ceremonies is considered to be an action of the New York Supreme Court under the jurisdiction of 9th District Administrative Judge Alan D. Scheinkman. Idoni acts as the Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts. Each Supreme Court Justice presiding over the court makes poignant remarks on the importance of citizenship and often stays to meet and greet each of the citizens to offer personal congratulatory remarks.

Please join Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni in celebrating with our 2017 nine hundred seventeen newly naturalized citizens of Westchester County. Happy Independence Day!

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Honorable Orazio R. Bellantoni, Ms. Suzette McIntosh, Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni