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USCIS TO WELCOME MORE THAN 200 NEW CITIZENS *Ceremonies Highlight the American Dream in Action*

PHOENIX, AZ – Two groups of around 100 Phoenix-area residents from 31 countries will take the Oath of Allegiance and become United States citizens during two special ceremonies this Friday at the US District Courthouse. The ceremonies will commemorate Citizenship Day. The Phoenix District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) processes successful citizenship applications for approximately 5,500 people yearly from northern and central Arizona.

On March 1, 2003, USCIS became one of three legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing our nation's security. During the past year, USCIS has helped more than 640,000 men, women and children fulfill their dreams and become United States citizens.

EVENT: Naturalization Ceremonies

DATE: September 17, 2004, at 8:15 and 11:45 a.m.

LOCATION: US District Courthouse
Phoenix, AZ

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