



**U.S. Citizenship  
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# Advisory

## **USCIS DIRECTOR AGUIRRE TO SPEAK AT EL PASO NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**

*More than 500 New Americans Representing 36 Countries to be Sworn-In*

Washington, D.C. - Eduardo Aguirre, Director, U. S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS), will be the keynote speaker at a naturalization ceremony for more than 500 new Americans, representing more than 35 countries, 11 a.m., Monday, June 28, 2004, at the El Paso Convention Center for the Performing Arts, 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas. The El Paso District's naturalization ceremony will kick-off the nation's week long celebration of citizenship ceremonies around the country to honor the nation's 228<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>. This year's USCIS naturalization theme is "Citizenship: The American Dream in Action".

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 the integrity of our nation's security. During the past year, USCIS has helped more than 640,000 men, women and children fulfill their dreams by becoming United States citizens, including more than 8,000 military service personnel.

**EVENT:** Naturalization ceremony for new Americans and press availability immediately following the ceremony.

**DATE:** Monday, June 28, 2004

**TIME:** 11:00 a.m. (Press should arrive by 10:30 a.m. for security processing.)

**LOCATION:** El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center, 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas, 79901.

**Press availability will take place in the Rio Grande Hall "A" at 12 noon.**

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