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## Brooklyn's Newest Citizens Welcomed At Wyckoff Farmhouse

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) held a special naturalization ceremony for 49 local residents at the Wyckoff House Museum, 5816 Clarendon Road, on June 15th. United States Magistrate Vera M. Scanlon of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, administered the Oath of Allegiance to America's newest citizens.

USCIS New York District Acting Director John E. Thompson presided over the ceremony. Allegra Durante performed the National Anthem and Museum Director of the Wyckoff House Museum Melissa Branfman welcomed the new citizens of

Brooklyn, emphasizing the history of immigration in Brooklyn beginning with the Dutch settlers, like the Wyckoffs, who first inhabited the House in the 17th century.

This event was made possible with the support of Councilman Alan Maisel who was unfortunately unable to attend the ceremony. Each new citizen was presented a Certificate of Citizenship. Following the ceremony, friends and families toured the Wyckoff House and celebrated over light refreshments.

The 49 new citizens originate from the following 20 countries: Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus,

Bulgaria, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Jamaica, Montenegro, Russia, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Martin, St. Vincent-Grenadines, Sri Lanka and Trinidad and Tobago.

*Courtesy of Wyckoff House Museum*

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