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NEWS RELEASE

United States District Court for the District of Minnesota COVID-19 Naturalization Ceremony Response

Minneapolis, MN – In accordance with updated national and state guidance regarding public events, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, in coordination with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Office (USCIS), is suspending all naturalization ceremonies until May 8, 2020.

A General Order from Chief Judge John R. Tunheim can be found here:

https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/sites/mnd/files/2020-0319_General-Order-RE-Naturalization-Ceremonies.pdf.

All ceremonies scheduled between today through May 8, 2020 will be rescheduled to future dates once COVID-19 pandemic guidance allows. Applicants for citizenship may contact USCIS at (800) 375-5283 with questions about their individual status.

The Court continues to monitor the most current statements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as all communications disseminated by the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts (AO), regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Court is following recommended guidelines from public health officials and preparedness guidance from the AO, including cancelling or postponing all non-essential events and travel, increasing sanitation efforts in all courtrooms and public spaces, and increasing remote working options for staff.

Additional questions can be directed to Media Coordinator, Rebeccah Parks at Rebeccah_Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov.

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