



# ULSTER COUNTY NEWS

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## **Citizenship Granted Again In Ulster County**

Ulster County Clerk, Nina Postupack, announces another naturalization ceremony at the historic Ulster County Courthouse Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon.

Thirty new citizens will take their oaths of Allegiance and gain the rights and privileges afforded to most Americans by birth. The ceremonies are very moving and emotional as personal goals of American citizenship are finally achieved and the new citizens are welcomed by their friends, families, elected representatives and public service agencies.

Participating in the program will be Kingston Post #150 American Legion Color Guard & VFW Joyce-Schirick Post #1386 Color Guard, the Wiltwyck Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Ulster Literacy Association, the John A. Coleman Catholic High School Choir, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (by representative), Senator William Larkin and Assemblyman Peter Lopez.

Through a joint effort of Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Judge Karen Peters and Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack, naturalization, the process of conferring upon an alien the rights and privileges of a citizen, returned to Ulster County in last June. The service, discontinued because of federal budget constraints in 1992, is back for the second time this year.

Since 1790, all naturalizations have been performed pursuant to federal law. Any state or federal court of record (having a seal and a clerk) could naturalize aliens. Thousands of immigrants became citizens in Ulster County Court under that legislation. After 1906 the Bureau of Immigration & Naturalization, later the Immigration and Naturalization Service established national standards and naturalization jurisdiction was restricted to the Supreme Court. Immigrants from all over the globe have been granted citizenship in Ulster County.

For further information about the ceremony and other programs of the Ulster County Clerk's Office, please call County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040.