

“Nearly 9,000 Naturalize the Week of July 4th!” by Adam Edward Rothwell, Esq.

Taking the oath of US Naturalization is the final step in the immigration process. For these reasons, the day a foreign citizen naturalizes is always an extraordinarily special day, and each year thousands of foreign citizens naturalize during the week of July 4th.

On July 4th Americans celebrate our independence and freedom through adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. July 4th is a holiday that has special meaning across the United States, and it's a day Americans feel especially united together. And for years' now thousands of foreign citizens have taken the Oath of Allegiance to become US Citizens this week, as the time around July 4th makes Americans remember how great it is to be American. Similarly the naturalization process is ongoing proof many foreign citizens continue to fully believe in the American Dream, and there is no better time to actualize moving forward with the American Dream than near Independence Day.

Between Monday, July 30 and Friday July 4, almost 9,000 foreign citizens will take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States and become naturalized US Citizens. There are over 100 Naturalization ceremonies scheduled this week across the US. Naturalization ceremonies are scheduled from Maine to Florida to San Diego to Alaska to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii this week. Some of these ceremonies will be relatively large and others will just consist of a handful of people. Yet, all are reminders that the American Dream is alive and strong throughout both the United States as well as the world.

A US Naturalization Ceremony is something all Americans should consider seeing at least once, especially as the Ceremonies do not even last long. A US Naturalization Ceremony is a distinctly American Ceremony that becomes a celebration where political views do not matter and only pride counts. Tears are shed, hugs are given and smiles are everywhere. And at the end of the day, it's all at the basis about love for America and what it means to be American. Just like July 4th.

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