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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PROTHONOTARY ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PA -- Montgomery County residents representing 31 different countries and cultures will become United States citizens on April 18, 2013 at 1:00 PM during a naturalization ceremony being held at Abington Senior High School.

Prothonotary Mark Levy will be administering the oath of allegiance to affirm the new citizens are willing to support and defend as well as declare loyalty to the United States and its Constitution. Citizens officially become a United States citizen once they take the Oath of Allegiance.

“The pride we all show as Americans is exemplified this day. For this to happen in the same County as Valley Forge which helped shape our Nation is second to none”, said Mark Levy.

The Honorable Gary S. Silow, will preside over the court proceeding. County Commissioner, Bruce Castor, Abington Senior High School Principal, Jeffrey Fecher, student speakers and several other dignitaries will also be participating in the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

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Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is granted to a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act. In order to receive United State Citizenship a petitioner must be 18 years old or older at the time of filing, be a lawful permanent resident, demonstrate continuous permanent residence in the United States for at least 5 years. (this may be 3 years if you are married to a U.S. citizen.), show that you have been physically present in the United States for 30 months. (this may be 18 months if you are married to a U.S. citizen.), show that you have lived for at least 3 months in the state or United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) district where you claim residence, have the ability to read, write, and speak English, have proven knowledge of civics and have reported income on income tax forms.