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# Media Advisory

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**USCIS to swear in around 200 new citizens  
At the Clovis Veterans Memorial Liberty Ballroom**  
*This ceremony commemorates World Refugee Day*

**FRESNO, Calif.** – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will conduct a naturalization ceremony in the beautiful Clovis Veterans Memorial Liberty Ballroom on June 20. In this special ceremony hosted by The Maddy Institute, in partnership with USCIS and the Citizenship Academy, around 200 people from the greater Fresno area will be sworn in as U.S. citizens. It is being held in honor of World Refugee Day.

Speaking to the new citizens is Dr. Ghia Xiong, Director of the Living Well Program at the Center for New Americans.

Lorenzo Rios, Chief Executive Officer of the Clovis Veterans Memorial District will issue a welcome. There will be special performances by local school and cultural dance groups.

World Refugee Day, June 20, celebrates the courage and strength of those compelled to flee their homes in fear of persecution. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there are more than 21 million refugees throughout the world today.

**WHO:** Dr. Ghia Xiong, Director of Living Well Program  
Lorenzo Rios, Chief Executive Officer, Clovis Veterans Memorial District  
200 New Citizens

**WHEN:** June 20, 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Clovis Veterans Memorial Liberty Ballroom  
808 Fourth Street  
Clovis, Calif. 93612

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