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Special Naturalization Ceremony To Be Held At Sagamore Hill

CENTRAL ISLIP, NEW YORK – On September 17, 2019, the Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York ("EDNY"), in partnership with the Eastern District of New York Chapter of the Federal Bar Association ("FBA") and the FBA EDNY Law Student Division from St. John's University Law School, will host the Fourth Annual Special Naturalization Ceremony in celebration of Constitution and Citizenship Day.

The theme for this year's ceremony is the 100th Anniversary of the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment which gave women the right to vote. The ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, the home of Theodore Roosevelt from 1885 to 1919 and where, in September 1917, Roosevelt hosted the opening of the second New York woman suffrage campaign (photo).

Fifty candidates for citizenship and their families have been invited to attend, and one of our naturalization candidates will describe the personal path to citizenship during what is certain to be a memorable ceremony. This year's keynote speaker is Myrna Pérez, Director of the Voting Rights and Elections Program at the Brennan Center for Justice. Participants in the ceremony will also include federal judges from the Eastern District of New York, the Superintendent of Sagamore Hill, the President of the EDNY Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, the League of Women Voters, and students from Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Syosset.

United States district courthouses throughout the nation will be holding special naturalization ceremonies on September 17 to celebrate Constitution and Citizenship Day, which commemorates the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 and recognizes those who have become U.S. citizens.