

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
DISTRICT OF KANSAS



SKYLER B. O'HARA
CLERK OF COURT
E-MAIL: Skyler_OHara@ksd.uscourts.gov
(913) 735-2220

490 U.S. COURTHOUSE
444 SE QUINCY
TOPEKA, KS 66683

204 U.S. COURTHOUSE
401 N. MARKET
WICHITA, KS 67202

KIM LEININGER
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK
E-MAIL: Kim_Leininger@ksd.uscourts.gov
(913) 735-2225

259 ROBERT J. DOLE U.S. COURTHOUSE
500 STATE AVENUE
KANSAS CITY, KS 66101

September 9, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Contact:

Gretchen Welk

United States District Court for the District of Kansas

913-735-2213 • Gretchen_Welk@ksd.uscourts.gov

Special Naturalization Ceremony in Fort Scott, Kansas

The United States District Court for the District of Kansas will host a special naturalization ceremony at the Fort Scott National Historic Site in Fort Scott, Kansas, on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. The Honorable Teresa J. James, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Kansas, will officiate the event on the historic grounds.

Musical performances will be provided by the Fort Scott High School Orchestra. The ceremony will include welcoming remarks from Jill Jaworski, Superintendent of the Fort Scott National Historic Site, and Brad Matkin, City Manager of Fort Scott. The keynote address will be delivered by Angela Bates, founder and executive director of the Nicodemus Historical Society and Museum.

Seating will be provided for naturalization applicants, but additional seating will be limited. Friends, family members, guests, and the public are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets for their comfort. In the event of rain or other inclement weather, the ceremony will be relocated to Fort Scott's Memorial Hall.

New citizens are requested to arrive by 9:00 a.m. for check-in.