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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

SUSPENSION OF NATURALIZATION
CEREMONIES IN THE WESTERN
DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Ninth Amended
Standing Order No. 2020-3

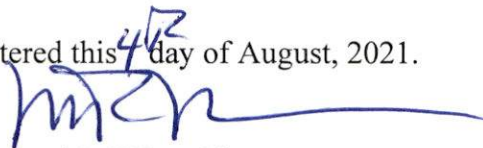
Since the COVID-19 pandemic began last spring, the court has suspended naturalization ceremonies in the Western District of Virginia to protect the public health. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has requested that the Western District of Virginia extend suspension of public naturalization ceremonies for an additional 90 days.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that naturalization ceremonies in the Western District of Virginia be suspended until November 30, 2021.

During this temporary period of suspension and until further Order of this Court, the Attorney General of the United States, acting through the USCIS, may administer the Oath of Allegiance to all applicants for naturalization residing in the Western District of Virginia. See 8 U.S.C. § 1421.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered this 4th day of August, 2021.


Michael F. Urbanski
Chief United States District Judge