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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

Eleventh Amended
Standing Order No. 2020-3

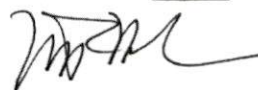
Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in the spring of 2020, the court has suspended naturalization ceremonies in the Western District of Virginia to protect the public health. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia has suspended public naturalization ceremonies through May 31, 2022. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has requested that the Western District of Virginia do the same.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that naturalization ceremonies in the Western District of Virginia be suspended until May 31, 2022.

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 non-name-change applicants for naturalization residing in the Western District of Virginia. See 8 U.S.C. § 1421. Name Change naturalizations will continue to be conducted virtually by the Judges of the Court.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered this 18th day of February, 2022.



Michael F. Urbanski
Chief U.S. District Judge
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