

November 04, 2021

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

JULIA C. DUDLEY, CLERK
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IN THE MATTER OF:

SUSPENSION OF NATURALIZATION
CEREMONIES IN THE WESTERN
DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Tenth 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 March 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 March 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 applicants for naturalization residing in the Western District of Virginia. See 8 U.S.C. § 1421.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered this 3rd day of November, 2021.



MICHAEL F. URBANSKI

Chief United States District Judge

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Chief U.S. District Judge
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