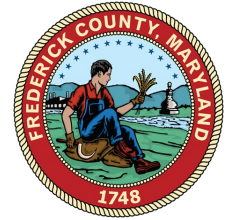




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The HRC meets the last Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Public is invited to attend.

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Human Relations Commission to Host Naturalization Ceremony

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Human Relations Commission will host the 21st Annual Naturalization Ceremony in Frederick County, which will see up to 40 individuals from dozens of countries take the Oath of Citizenship. The ceremony will be held at Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

This event, in partnership with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, will feature Cielo Montealegre as the keynote speaker. Ms. Montealegre is originally from Ibague, Colombia, South America, where she was a psychologist. Cielo’s mother, an American citizen, petitioned visas for two of her daughters and a grandson, and after being approved and obtaining their resident visas, they came to the United States. Ms. Montealegre later applied for citizenship. After studying for the citizenship interview and subsequent test at Centro Hispano for one year, she was able to pass the exam and proudly take the final loyalty oath to the United States of America, and was granted citizenship on November 9, 2018.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the newest American citizens.

“The Human Relations Commission is pleased to be able to continue to organize and host the Naturalization Ceremony. This event marks an important milestone in the lives with whom we will be celebrating. As they take the oath to become citizens of the United States, their pride and joy is evident and reflects the culmination of personal sacrifice, hard work and determination that made it possible for them to have a better life that includes the rights and freedom their fellow countrymen and women enjoy. It truly is the first day of the rest of their lives, and the Human Relations Commission is honored to celebrate this moment with them and their families.” said Chairperson Mari Lee of the Human Relations Commission.

For more information about this event, contact Administrative Coordinator Pat Fleet, Human Relations Department, at 301-600-1063 or via e-mail at pfleet@frederickcountymd.gov.

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To promote equal opportunity, human justice and multiculturalism in Frederick County.