

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

GENERAL ORDER 20-30
JUNE 30, 2020

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY

**SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER CONCERNING NATURALIZATION
CEREMONIES**

SAYLOR, C.J.

This Order supplements and modifies General Order 20-6, issued March 16, 2020, and General Order 20-18, issued April 22, 2020.

In light of the March 13, 2020 declaration by the President of the United States of a National Emergency, and the advice of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the coronavirus and slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts previously suspended all naturalization ceremonies scheduled for March, April, May, and June 2020.

The Court will resume such ceremonies beginning on July 13, 2020, in such numbers, and under such circumstances, as the Chief Judge shall direct, provided that it can do so and reasonably protect public health and safety.

Pursuant to the authority granted by 8 U. S. C. § 1448, the Court will continue to consider the requests of individuals in need of an expedited administration of a judicial oath of citizenship. Such requests will be granted upon a demonstration of sufficient cause, and will be administered as appropriate consistent with public health and safety.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may conduct naturalization ceremonies in reasonably small numbers, and under circumstances that reasonably protect public health, in

order to help alleviate the backlog of naturalization applications and to address exigent individual circumstances.

So Ordered.

Dated: June 30, 2020

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV
F. Dennis Saylor IV
Chief Judge, United States District Court