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**Orange County District Attorney Dave Hoovler and Health
Commissioner Dr. Eli Avila will be keynote speakers at Naturalization
ceremony on Thursday, April 6th**

County to welcome 85 new citizens from 37 countries

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County District Attorney Dave Hoovler and Commissioner of Health Dr. Eli Avila will serve as the keynote speakers at a Naturalization ceremony at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 6th at the County's Emergency Services Auditorium, located at 22 Wells Farm Road in Goshen.

County Clerk Annie Rabbitt will administer the Oath of Allegiance and Orange County Family Court Judge Carol Klein will preside over the ceremony, which is open to the public.

"I always enjoy being a part of the County's naturalization ceremonies and I'm honored to have an opportunity to speak at this event," Hoovler said. "Recognizing the accomplishment of these new citizens and welcoming them to this great country is always an inspirational experience. The Naturalization ceremony refreshes our democracy and continues the promise made so many years ago that this nation will always be a beacon of hope for new citizens."

85 people from 37 countries will take the Oath of Allegiance, the final part of the naturalization process, renouncing all foreign allegiance while pledging to support and defend the American Constitution and the laws of the United States. The County Clerk's Office hosts four naturalization ceremonies each year in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security (Citizenship and Immigration Services) in January, April, June and November.

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