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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**In Re:)
SUSPENSION OF NATURALIZATION)
CEREMONIES, REVOCATION OF)
EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY AND)
AUTHORIZATION OF ATTORNEY)
GENERAL OR DESIGNEE TO)
CONDUCT NATURALIZATION)
CEREMONIES.)**

Administrative Order No. 268

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This Administrative Order supersedes the provisions in Second Amended Administrative Order No. 266 regarding naturalization ceremonies in the Southern District of Illinois during the exigent circumstances created by COVID-19.

Due to the health threats posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois will not conduct naturalization ceremonies between now and September 30, 2020.

The Court hereby revokes any prior order establishing its exclusive jurisdiction over naturalization ceremonies within the Southern District of Illinois. The authority to conduct naturalization ceremonies is now shared by the district and the Attorney General of the United States or his designee.

If during the period of suspension of naturalization ceremonies an individual meets the criteria set forth in 8 U.S.C. §1448(c) as qualifying for the expedited administration of the judicial oath, and if that individual is seeking a name change pursuant to 8 U.S.C. §1448(e), the Court will arrange for naturalization of that individual by a judicial officer. Those special settings will be coordinated through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 24, 2020



**NANCY J. ROSENSTENGEL
Chief U.S. District Judge**