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## Youth Citizenship Ceremony at President Lincoln's Cottage

**WHEN:** Tuesday April 22, 2014 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. RSVP requested by 10 am on April 22, 2014.**WHERE:** President Lincoln's Cottage. Entrance located at the intersection of Rock Creek Church Rd NW and Upshur St NW (GPS: 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington DC 20011). Ceremony will take place outside on the South Lawn of President Lincoln's Cottage. In the case of inclement weather, ceremony will occur inside the Emancipation Room in President Lincoln's Cottage.**WHAT:** Twenty-two children from seventeen countries\* whose families recently became U.S. citizens will be honored in a citizenship ceremony at President Lincoln's Cottage, the seasonal residence of the Lincoln family during the Civil War and the site where President Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation. This program is presented by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Children arrive with families. Reporters welcome to arrive anytime after 1:00 pm.  
2:00 pm: Sarah Taylor, District Director of the Washington DC Office of US CIS gives opening remarks.  
2:05 pm: Erin Mast, Executive Director of President Lincoln's Cottage, gives welcoming remarks.  
2:10 pm: Presentation of Colors by sailors of the USS Abraham Lincoln, followed by the National Anthem.  
2:15 pm: Call of the Countries and Presentation of Candidates for Citizenship.  
2:20 pm: Administration of the Oath of Allegiance and the Pledge of Allegiance.  
2:25 pm: Keynote remarks and video of President's congratulatory message.  
2:35 pm: Presentation of certificates to each candidate.  
2:45 pm: Ceremony ends. Erin Mast and others will be available for questions following the ceremony.

\*Countries: the Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Moldova, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and Syria.



*2013 Youth Naturalization Ceremony at President Lincoln's Cottage. Do not distribute this image.*

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About President Lincoln's Cottage: President Lincoln's Cottage, "the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation," is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. While living here for more than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln bonded with soldiers and veterans, made crucial decisions about the Civil War, and, most notably, developed the Emancipation Proclamation his first summer in residence. His daily commute put him in regular contact with wounded soldiers and self-emancipated men, women, and children. Today, the site offers an intimate, never-before-seen view of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life, and new perspectives on the influential ideas Lincoln developed while living here. Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Cottage tours are on the hour, 7 days a week. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: [www.lincolncottage.org](http://www.lincolncottage.org) or call 202-829-0436.

About the National Trust for Historic Preservation: The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. President Lincoln's Cottage is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit: [www.preservationnation.org](http://www.preservationnation.org).