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New Hampshire Secretary of State David M. Scanlan Hosts Naturalization Ceremony at the New Hampshire State Archives

Twenty-four New Americans from 18 countries participated in the inaugural ceremony.

CONCORD, NH (May 31, 2024): Earlier today, New Hampshire Secretary of State David M. Scanlan co-hosted a naturalization ceremony with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at the New Hampshire State Archives. New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu, U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, and Concord Mayor Byron Champlin spoke at the inaugural ceremony celebrating 24 of New Hampshire’s newest citizens.

Since 2022, Secretary Scanlan has created several multilingual resources for New Americans, including an [instructional video on registering to vote in New Hampshire](#) and the [New American Pocket Voter Guide](#), which has been translated into Spanish, French, Simplified Chinese, and Portuguese. The Secretary of State’s Office decided to host a naturalization ceremony at the State Archives because it houses the state’s foundational documents and preserves the state’s history.

During the naturalization ceremony, New Hampshire State Archivist Ashley Miller noted that immigrants built our country’s skyscrapers, railroads, cities, and farms.

“You are all here to continue the work of this great nation,” she told participants during her opening remarks. “You all are a part of that mission now.”

“New Americans are a vital part of New Hampshire’s voting body, and their votes are just as important as any other person’s vote,” said Secretary Scanlan. “We look forward to engaging with many more of New Hampshire’s New Americans as they become direct participants in our democracy.”

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