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*The Ethnic Heritage Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the unique mix of cultural traditions that enrich our Northwest communities. The Council's events and publications inform the community about the cultural enrichment within our society, and are intended to unite us in the knowledge that each one of us has an ethnic heritage.*

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\* Children of the World - Children representing various local ethnic communities

**And all the participants and volunteers!**

**Event Coordinators: Alma Planchich & Maria Kesovija**

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*July 4, 2011*

*12:00 noon—1:00 p.m.  
Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center*

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**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag,  
Of the United States of America,  
And to the Republic  
For Which it Stands,  
One Nation under God,  
Indivisible, With Liberty  
And Justice For All.*

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*\* Children of the World - Children representing some of our local ethnic communities:*

- **Burma** - Aye Aye Aung, Thing Su Su Jaw • **Eritrea** - Hannah Estifanos, Sesen Yonas •
- **Ethiopia** - Betselote Mekonnen, Yonas Mekonnen •
- **Hungary** - Rohan Ramdin *Szablya*\*, Shivana Ramdin *Szablya* • •
- **Iraq** - Al-Hassan Aljanabi, Farah Almaroof • **Philippines** - Linda Cardona-Rigor, Alfred Escorpiso •
- **Somalia** - Hani Hassan, Muna Hassan • **Vietnam** - Seki Thu Berg •

\*Family name *Szablya*

**Pre-Ceremony Performance, 11:00 a.m.**  
*Greenwood Concert Band, William Blayne, Director*

**Naturalization Ceremony, 12:00 noon**  
**Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, Master of Ceremonies**

**Presentation of the Colors**  
Washington Army National Guard Honor Guard

**“The National Anthem”**  
Greenwood Concert Band  
Maria Kesovija, Soloist, EHC

**Introduction of Dignitaries**  
Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn

**Native American Performance “The Honor of All”**  
Gene Tagaban, Storyteller; Swil Kanim, Violinist; Peter Ali, Flutist

**Seattle Center Welcome**  
Seattle Center Director Robert Nellams

**Ethnic Heritage Council Welcome**  
EHC Board President Jagdish Sharma  
EHC Executive Director Alma Plancich

**Spirit of Liberty Award**  
United States Representative Jim McDermott  
2011 Recipient Helen M. Szablya

**Musical Selection**  
Total Experience Gospel Choir, Patrinell Wright, Director

**Introduction of Countries**  
Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn

**Admission of Candidates**  
United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, District 20  
District Director Anne Arries Corsano

**Administration of Oath**  
United States Circuit Judge Richard C. Tallman

**Congratulatory Audio Message**  
United States President Barack Obama

**“God Bless America”**  
Greenwood Concert Band

**Congratulatory Address**  
United States Senator Maria Cantwell

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
Children of the World\*

**Musical Selection**  
Total Experience Gospel Choir

**Retirement of the Colors**  
Washington Army National Guard Honor Guard

**Closing**  
Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn

**Festive Selections**  
*Greenwood Concert Band*