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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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**27TH ANNUAL
NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**



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**FISHER PAVILION
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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.*

** 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 Blayney, 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