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**Naturalization Ceremony to be Held at Mount Rushmore National Memorial**

The United States District Court of South Dakota will hold a Naturalization Ceremony at Mount Rushmore National Memorial on Thursday, June 15, at 11 am in which approximately 180 people will become new American citizens. The ceremony will be held in the Amphitheater and is sponsored by the Mount Rushmore Society. Chief United States District Judge Jeffrey L. Viken will preside and give remarks.

Representatives of the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota, the United States Citizenship & Immigration Services and Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard will participate in the ceremony.

The Dakota Choral Union will perform. In addition, Mount Rushmore National Memorial's Superintendent Cheryl Schreier and Mount Rushmore Society President Tim Raben will make special presentations to the new citizens. Professor Leandro Robles of Grand Valley State University in Michigan will be the Keynote Speaker.

Born in Tucumán, northern Argentina and now a resident of Grand Rapids, MI, Robles practiced law for 10 years focusing on criminal, family and constitutional law. He worked as a consultant in the process of constitutional reform in his native province Tucuman. He earned a law degree and a Masters in Political Science in Argentina and a Masters degree in Public Administration in Grand Rapids, MI.

He has lectured and presented in several conferences in the U.S. and Argentina. An adjunct professor at Grand Valley State University, Dr. Robles teaches a wide variety of courses, including Human Rights in Latin America, Trade Commerce and Society in Latin America, Diversity in the United States and Spanish for Law Enforcement. He owns a consulting business, focusing on cultural competency, language and communications.

Following the ceremony, Pennington County Auditor Julie Pearson will be available for voter registration outside the Carvers Cafe. Registration will be open to all eligible South Dakota voters, not just those from Pennington County.

The public is invited to attend this celebration of citizenship. The ceremony is free. There is a \$10 parking fee per car.

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