**Citizenship Day**

September 17, 2018 is Citizenship Day; a day recognizing those who have taken the required steps to naturalize and become U.S. citizens. Across the United States, there are approximately 8.8 million legal permanent residents who are eligible for U.S. citizenship. In Paterson alone, there are 10,695 legal permanent residents who are eligible for U.S. Citizenship, and we encourage all those who are eligible to apply. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for citizenship, please visit the Paterson Free Public Library for information regarding the citizenship process.

Paterson is one of New Jersey’s most diverse cities, with rapidly growing Bangladeshi, Turkish, Arab, Palestinian, Albanian, Dominican and Peruvian communities. I, Mayor André Sayegh, am committed to maintaining a welcoming, inclusive and immigrant-friendly Paterson. I am proud that Paterson is a member of Cities for Citizenship, a major national initiative of approximately 70 cities and counties aimed at increasing citizenship among eligible legal permanent residents. We know that when legal permanent residents become U.S. citizens, our great city thrives.

I invite you to attend our City’s Nationalization Ceremony on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. The Nationalization Ceremony will take place at the Great Falls National Historical Park at 11:00 a.m. More information to follow on the City’s website.

Happy Citizenship Day!

André Sayegh  
Mayor