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ADOPTEES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS U.S. CITIZENS Children to take oath at Capitol ceremony Friday

Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz, along with the United States Immigration & Naturalization Service and International Institute of Connecticut, are hosting the 12th annual Adoption Recognition and Citizenship Ceremony at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford Friday.

About 30 foreign-born children adopted by Connecticut parents will receive the oath of citizenship and be officially recognized as citizens of the United States.

WHAT: Chi	dren's Adoption & (Citizenship Ceremony
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WHEN: Friday, November 22, 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Legislative Office Building, Room 2C Hartford, CT

ATTN. LOCAL EDITORS: Children and parents of the following towns are scheduled to participate in Friday's Adoption & Citizenship Ceremony.

Avon, Bethel, East Hartford, Farmington, Groton, Hartford, Harwinton, Manchester, Middletown, Monroe, New Haven, Rocky Hill, Vernon, Southington, Wallingford, West Hartford, Westport, Wethersfield, Windsor, Windsor Locks