



# CITY OF HOUSTON

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Houston prides itself on being a welcoming, inclusive world-class city that values and respects the contributions of all. We are a city that embraces and tolerates our differences and works together toward the common goal of making Houston the best place to live.

At the recommendation of community leaders, who are members of the Citizenship Month Council, and the Office of New Americans, Citizenship Month has become an annual celebration since 2009. We are geared to celebrate our 10-year anniversary during the month of November.

Citizenship Month encourages civic engagement and commemorates the spirit of citizenship. It is a month of celebrating the vibrant mix of native Houstonians, transplants from other cities and states, immigrants, refugees, foreign students, and international resident workers and is an opportunity to take pride in our great city.

The City of Houston will partner with community organizations to celebrate *Citizenship Month 2018*, featuring a series of events and activities highlighted by the celebration of a Citizenship Swearing Ceremony at City Hall.

My administration is proud to champion the celebration of Houston's diversity through this annual event. As you receive more information from the Office of New Americans and members of our Citizenship Month Council, we hope you are inspired to join us in this celebration of our city's strong commitment to civic leadership, good citizenship and community engagement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sylvester Turner".

Sylvester Turner  
Mayor

