



Celebrates *Constitution Day*

September 17, 2007

Preamble to the U. S. Constitution

We The People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this, Constitution for the United States of America.

President George W. Bush signed a bill on December 8th, 2004 (public law 108-447) which designates every September 17th as Constitution Day. Constitution Day, Inc. has been celebrating Constitution Day for the past eight years with the simultaneous recitation of the Preamble.

All America will unite in the simultaneous recitation of the Preamble to the United States Constitution all over the world on Monday September 17, 2007, with the nation's schools and the military at home and overseas.

All information was gathered from: <http://www.constitutionday.com>

Did you know...?

- That Philadelphia is the city where the Constitution was written?
- That James Madison is considered the father of the U. S. Constitution?
- That the first three words of the Constitution are We The People...?
- That the Fifth Amendment protects against double jeopardy/self incrimination/right to a grand jury/due process/compensation for private property taken for public use?
- That the three branches of the federal government are Legislative, Executive and Judicial?
- That the U. S. Constitution states that the government derives its power from the consent of the governed?
- May 1787, 6 of the 55 American Founding Fathers who were delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia were from Virginia. They were John Blair, James Madison, George Mason, James McClurg, Edmund Randolph, George Washington (1st President) and George Wythe.
- 3 of the 39 "*Signers of the Constitution*" were from Virginia and they were John Blair, James Madison and George Washington, who became the first President of the United States.

Faculty members are encouraged to visit these websites for any resources and activities about Constitution Day: <http://usgovinfo.about.com/blconstday.htm>, www.justicelearning.org, www.archives.gov, http://www.usafunds.org/financial_aid/constitution_day.htm, and <http://www.constitutioncenter.org/>.



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