

Citizenship Day and Constitution Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, We the People did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America to secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens fully understand the provisions, principles, and meaning of the Constitution so they can support, preserve, and defend it against encroachment; and

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial of the Constitution provides an historic opportunity for all Americans to learn about and to reflect upon the rights and privileges of citizenship and its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Congress of the United States have designated September 17 as Citizenship Day and the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, the people of (state, city, community or school) _____ do enjoy the blessings of liberty, the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, equal protection of the law under the Constitution, and the freedoms derived from it;

NOW THEREFORE, I, _____(name), _____(title) of _____(state, city, community or school), in cooperation with the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, do hereby proclaim September 17 as Citizenship Day and the week of September 17-23 as Constitution Week, and invite every citizen and institution to join in the national commemoration.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of (state, city, community or school) _____ to be affixed this week of the seventeenth day of September, 2005.

(Signature)