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Supervisor Ed Scofield
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Re: Proclamation of Constitution Week, September 17-23rd

Dear Mr. Ed Scofield,
This letter is a request from the Caption Joh Oldham Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution that you proclaim the week of September 17-23rd as "Constitution Week." Enclosed, please find a draft of a proposed proclamation for your review. I am also enclosing information from the Nation Society regarding this important commemoration.

It is our hope that this proclamation might be addressed early in September, at a meeting prior to September 17. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Yours, in DAR service,

Jeannine Hennig
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CONSTITUTION WEEK FACTS

What is a proclamation?

A proclamation is an official public announcement, usually issued by mayors, governors, etc.

Why does the DAR actively promote Constitution Week?

Constitution Week was initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR is a patriotic organization that encourages education and historic preservation in communities across America.

How did Constitution Week begin?

In 1955, the President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Gertrude S. Carraway, adopted a project to promote the observance of the U.S. Constitution with a memorial week beginning on the anniversary of the signing of this document, September 17. She asked DAR chapters, committees, and members to study, teach, and discuss the U.S. Constitution. Caraway also encouraged members to invite their governors and mayors to issue proclamations celebrating the Constitution.

When did the United States government begin to observe Constitution Week?

Constitution Week was officially declared by President Eisenhower on August 2, 1956. This was the culmination of a proposal the DAR sent through Senator William F. Knowland of California.

Is there a memorial honoring the Constitution?

Yes. DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The inscription on the pediment reads, "Constitution Hall – a memorial to that immortal document, the Constitution of the United States, in which are incorporated the principles of freedom, equality and justice for which our forefathers strove." DAR Constitution Hall is the only structure dedicated to the U.S. Constitution.

How can I celebrate Constitution Week?

- Provide local media with the Constitution Week press release and FAQ sheet.
- Encourage your local government representatives to issue a proclamation about Constitution Week.
- Ask the school principals in your community to observe Constitution Week by issuing a school proclamation encouraging staff to teach the Constitution.
- Urge children to study the Constitution with their personal proclamation pledge.
- Contact your local DAR chapter and invite them to give a program on the Constitution.

WHEREAS: September 17, 2018, marks the two hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS: Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

NOW, THEREFORE I, _____ by virtue of the authority vested in me as (Governor or Mayor) of the State or City) of _____ (in the City of) _____ do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

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AND ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the (State or City) to be affixed this _____ day of _____ of the year of our Lord two thousand _____.

Signed _____ SEAL Attest _____