Constitution Day

Celebrate Constitution Day September 17, 2011 at National Hispanic University

Background

Senator Robert C. Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat and the United States Congress' unofficial constitutional scholar, believes that the American primary, secondary, and post-secondary students lack significant knowledge regarding the United States Constitution. In December 2004, Senator Byrd offered an amendment that was passed by both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate in an attempt to increase students' knowledge about the constitution.

The legislation requires that all educational institutions that receive federal funds implement educational programs relating to the United States Constitution on September 17 of each year. September 17th was selected as the date for the celebration due to the fact that on September 17, 1787 the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met for the last time to sign the United States Constitution and present it to the American Public. Click here to visit the official Constitution Day website.

Voter Registration Information

We encourage all students to register to vote.

EDUCATION RESOURCES

Here are some great on-line resources to help you learn more about the Constitution.

- The Constitution
- Interactive Constitution
- The American Civil Liberties Union
- Bill of Rights Institute
- The Constitution: The Delicate Balance
- National Archive online feature
- Biographical sketches of the 39 signers of the constitution

GAMES, VIDEOS AND SONGS

- School House Rock: No More Kings
- School House Rock: The Preamble
- Constitution Facts: Real or Fake?
- Constitution Facts: Quiz
- Constitution Center: Founders Quiz