
Constitution Day of the United States

Legislative History of Constitution Day

Law 36 U.S.C. 106 states that: "September 17 is designated as Constitution and Citizenship Day" to commemorate the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787.

In 1952, a joint resolution (66 Stat. 9) was passed, which designates September 17 as Constitution and Citizenship Day. Then, in 1956, another joint resolution (70 Stat. 932) established that Constitution Week will be celebrated from September 17-23. (Public Law 105-225 revised and codified related to the "Patriotic and National Observances" are designated as "Title 36 of the United States Code".)

Finally, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 108-447), added Constitution Day to the law and obliges "that the civil and educational authorities of the States, peoples and counties are ordered and instructed to plan for the observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and for citizens to be instructed about their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in the which one they reside".

In 2005, the Federal Register notice was published making the observing of Constitution Day mandatory.