

## CONSTITUTION WEEK COMMITTEE

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September 17 - 23 is Constitution Week. In 1955, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress with a resolution; this week of observance for the foundation of the American form of government was signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956. The commitment of the NSDAR is to encourage study and educate the public about the Constitution, which was adopted by the American Congress of the Confederation on September 17, 1787.

The NSDAR urges members to:

- Teach the public about the historical events surrounding the establishment of the Constitution and the men who framed the document.
- Hold events, give programs, put up displays, and write articles to celebrate the 66th anniversary of the first resolution by the U.S. Congress to observe Constitution Week, the 234th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution, and the 230th anniversary of the ratification of the first ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights.
- Teach all citizens, especially youth and newly naturalized citizens, about our founding documents.
- Inspire all in your community to protect and defend the Constitution.

So where do you begin? The Constitution Week Committee webpage at [www.dar.org/members/committees](http://www.dar.org/members/committees)

has many resources to help you plan a successful Constitution Week celebration. There are ideas for programs, displays, and working with schools. There are free downloadable resources available from the Committee page as well as resources for purchase from the DAR store.

Write an article for local media about the Constitution and what your chapter is doing to celebrate. Encourage people of all ages to enter the Constitution Week Poster Contest. Rules are available on the website.

Participate in Bells Across America on Sept. 17 at 3pm CST.

Recite the Preamble or read a Constitution Minute at you chapter meetings.

However you celebrate Constitution Week, be sure to record your activities on the Chapter Master Report.