



Focus on Religious Freedom

"The Constitutional freedom of religion is the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights." Thomas Jefferson, Founding Father

Happy Constitution Week! September 17-23, 2022

On September 17, 1787, The Continental Congress approved, and 39 men signed, the proposed Constitution for the United States of America then sent it to the states to be ratified. This document created the federal government, established its only legitimate powers and the boundaries within which power could be exercised.

"We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." - Preamble of the Constitution of the United States

All public schools that receive federal funding are required to hold Constitution Day events (see Public Law 108-447) during the week of Sept. 17-23 each year. Is your school following the law and celebrating freedom with age or grade appropriate activities so that students can learn about their inalienable rights and freedoms protected by the Constitution and Bill of Rights?

Our government exists to serve its citizens, not to empower itself. To prevent the abuses of power they felt under the British monarchy, the Founding Fathers framed the Constitution carefully, distributing power over 3 branches of government, outlining its powers, limitations on those powers, and the rights of citizens. "Powers not assigned to one of the three branches are left to the individual states." In this way, the Constitution's framers wisely separated and balanced government powers to safeguard the interests of majority rule and minority rights of liberty and equality.

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"No power over the Freedom of Religion (is) delegated to the United States by the Constitution." James Madison, Founding Father