Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

To encourage all Americans to learn more about the Constitution, in 1956, Congress established Constitution Week to begin each year on Sept. 17th, the date in 1787 when delegates to the Convention signed the Constitution.

In 2004, Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia included key provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2005 designating Sept. 17th of each year as Constitution Day and requiring public schools and governmental offices to provide educational programs to promote a better understanding of the Constitution.

The Constitution of the United States of America

The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the United States. Empowered with the sovereign authority of the people by the framers and the consent of the legislatures of the states, it is the source of all government powers, and also provides important limitations on the government that protect the fundamental rights of United States citizens.

Online Resources

‘Bout Time: Did you know five physicians were among the delegates? In an issue of ‘Bout Time, author Bryant Boutwell, DrPH, recalls a day in a UTHealth classroom when the importance of this one document and the global reach of UTHealth converged in a life-changing moment. Read his story here.

Interactive Guide to the U.S. Constitution: http://constitutioncenter.org/constitution

School House Rock – The Preamble: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHp7sMqPL0g

*University observance date subject to change