

PRESS RELEASE DATE

[YOUR SCHOOL NAME] IS CELEBRATING CONSTITUTION DAY on SEPTEMBER 17!

On September 17, **[YOUR SCHOOL NAME in CITY/TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH]** is joining hundreds of schools across the nation that are taking the Preamble Challenge! The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia kicks off the Preamble Challenge at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time. What's the Challenge? Students are asked to take those 52 words in the Preamble to the Constitution and recite them, turn them into a rap, sing or dance to them, create a video, or a skit. Whatever gets them excited about learning about the Preamble to the Constitution!

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, to ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

[HERE IS YOUR INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOUR CLASS WILL BE DOING ON CONSTITUTION DAY. BE SURE TO SPECIFY TIME AND PLACE.]

Participants will use Twitter or Instagram with #RenewCivics or #PreambleChallenge to share their Challenge activity with the rest of the nation.

The Preamble Challenge is organized by the Civics Renewal Network, a consortium of 33 nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations working together to raise awareness of civics education and provide teachers with easy access to these organizations' free, standards-aligned resources for all grade levels at CivicsRenewalNetwork.org.

Constitution Day became a national observance in 2004, when Congress passed the Byrd Amendment. The amendment requires all educational institutions that receive federal funding and federal agencies to teach the Constitution on September 17, the date that the document was signed in Philadelphia.

For more information, contact **[YOUR SCHOOL NAME at EMAIL ADDRESS or PHONE.]**