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Virginia Department of Education
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DATE: September 3, 2021
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Announcement of Resources for Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on September 17, 2021**

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to bring to your attention the recognition of Constitution Day on Friday, **September 17, 2021**. As you know, Congress passed legislation that requires the implementation of an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution, on a date designated by statute officially as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. This 2004 Congressional initiative is authorized by Section 111 of Division J of Public Law 108-447 and applies to educational institutions receiving federal funding from the U.S. Department of Education (USED).

All schools may determine what kind of educational programs are appropriate for their students. Some informational resources pertaining to the Constitution that may be useful in planning educational activities are listed on the [U.S. Department of Education's Commemorating Constitution Day and Citizenship Day](#) website. The Virginia Department of Education offers the [Documents of American History](#) including the text of the Constitution of Virginia, Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States of America with Amendments, and the Virginia Charters. Additionally, the Library of Virginia's [Document Bank of Virginia](#) provides a repository of primary documents related to the Constitution and other topics that can be browsed and searched by era or

theme. Information about citizenship and civics is also available at other websites such as the [National Constitution Center](#).

For more information

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