

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION DAY... ( SEE ACTIVITIES VIA THE INTERNET )

**Constitution Day** (or **Citizenship Day**) is an [American](#) federal [observance](#) that recognizes the adoption of the [United States Constitution](#) and those who have become U.S. citizens. It is normally observed on September 17, the day in 1787 that delegates to the [Constitutional Convention](#) signed the document in Philadelphia.

In September of 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the most influential document in American history: the United States **Constitution**. The Constitution is the most important document in the United States. It establishes the American government and our position as a democracy. The Constitution also lays out our freedoms as Americans. The U.S. Constitution was signed in 1787, and it has been the basis of other democracies around the world. The Constitution is also known as a "living document" because it grows and changes as America and its people grow and change.

Every year, the National Constitution Center commemorates the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution with the greatest Constitution Day celebration in the country. [Visit the Center](#) to enjoy many engaging and informative programs, or use our outstanding [online resources](#) in your classroom.

This year, the Center will observe Constitution Day on Friday, September 16, 2016. Admission to the museum will be FREE, but spots are limited; contact [Group Sales](#) or call [215-409-6800](tel:215-409-6800) to plan your visit today!

#### **[Constitution Hall Pass: "Separation of Powers"](#)**

A new episode of the Center's award-winning educational video series is now online In this edition of [Constitution Hall Pass](#), we explore how the Founding Fathers devised a system of government in which power is divided among three branches, and how that separation of power puts limits on each branch of government and protects our rights as citizens. Watch the video with your students and join our staff for a live chat this week between 7 AM and 6 PM EDT.

Educators must provide their school ID at the box office to enjoy the \$10 family admission. For more information, please contact [education@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:education@constitutioncenter.org) or [215-409-6700](tel:215-409-6700).