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WHEREAS, It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the one hundred seventy-ninth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

WHEREAS, Public Law No. 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation by the President of the United States of America designating September 17-23 of each year as Constitution Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I as (Governor or Mayor) of the (State of or City of) do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 1966, as

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and urge all citizens to study the Constitution, to express gratitude for the privilege of American citizenship in our Republic functioning under the superb body of laws - the Constitution of the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, etc.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States of America gives us the foundation for a free, prosperous, and independent life for every citizen, but each generation, in time, must work for and claim it; otherwise, through carelessness or indifference, the rights and liberties we have enjoyed may vanish; and

WHEREAS, It is of the greatest consequence that the citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution of the United States of America in order to be able to properly support it as, "The greatest document for human liberty in two thousand years of recorded history"; and

WHEREAS, The people of the United States should be deeply grateful to their Founding Fathers for the wisdom and foresight they displayed in writing and adopting the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The independence granted to the American people to enjoy such freedom and liberty, unknown to any other country, should be celebrated by appropriate ceremonies and activities during Constitution Week, September 17-23, as designated by proclamation of the President of the United States in accordance with Public Law No. 915;

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The Constitution of the United States of America was adopted September 17, 1787, ratified June 21, 1788, in effect March 4, 1789.

On January 5, 1956, Senator William F. Knowland introduced the following Senate Joint Resolution 105:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to designate the period beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week, and to issue annually a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe such week in schools, churches and other suitable places with appropriate ceremonies and activities."

This Resolution was adopted July 23, 1956, and signed into law (Public Law No. 915), August 2, 1956.

Suggestions for proclamations to be issued by ~~Governors and~~ Mayors follow:

- WHEREAS, September 17, 1966, marks the one hundred seventy-ninth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and
 - WHEREAS, To accord official recognition to this memorable anniversary, and to the patriotic exercise that will form a noteworthy feature of the occasion, seems fitting and proper; and
 - WHEREAS, Public Law No. 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I by virtue of the authority vested in me as (~~Governor or Mayor~~) of the (~~State or City~~) of(in the State of) do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 1966, as

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in the (~~State or City~~) of, and urge all our citizens to pay special attention during that week to our Federal Constitution and the advantages of American Citizenship.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the (State or City) to be affixed at this day in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six, and the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and ninetieth.

Signed

Seal
Attest