

September 17th is now a national holiday known as Constitution Day after the passage of a Senate Resolution introduced by Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia. Senator Byrd's idea was that every college and university in the country receiving federal funds should provide some information or instruction for their students on the United States Constitution each year.

CONSTITUTION DAY RESOURCES

- View the Constitution, Bill of Rights, as well as biographical sketches of the 39 men who signed at www.archives.org

-Visit America's most interactive history museum at www.constitutioncenter.org



BACKGROUND

Since May of 1787, delegates had gathered in the State House (Independence Hall) of Philadelphia, PA, to revise the Articles of Confederation, the first governing documents of the United States of America as adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777. After several months of debate and redrafting, delegates voted to design an entirely new framework for the government, the Constitution. On September 17, 1787, the U.S. Constitution was signed by 39 brave men who changed the course of history.

THE CONSTITUTION TODAY

Today the Constitution of the United States is housed at the National Archives and Records Administration on Constitution Ave NW [between 7th and 9th St.] in Washington, DC.



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