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CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION SIGNED ON AUGUST 16 2017

On August 16 2017 at the Fernley City Council meeting, DAR Fort Churchill chapter met with Fernley City Mayor, Roy Edgington, who proclaimed the week of September 17th through the 23rd, 2017 to be: CONSTITUTION WEEK.



September 17 begins the national celebration of Constitution Week. The weeklong commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. Our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started many years ago by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us. Please visit our display at the Fernley Library starting September 17 2017.

Pictured left to right: Members of the DAR Fort Churchill chapter; Mary Jean Kelso, Linda Garrett, Lynda Freeman, Sue Gill and Mayor Roy Edgington.



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