

September 15, 2016

Greeting & Welcome to our Constitution Day Commemoration

We meet today to recognize and celebrate one of the most significant days in the formation of our great nation: the signing of the U.S. Constitution. It is a day where we are given to reflect on this great nation and the freedoms and rights bestowed upon us by our fore-fathers.

As we all know, the citizens of the United States have celebrated Independence Day and Presidents' Day since the 1870s. However, beginning in 2005, the nation began to celebrate Constitution Day. Also known as Citizenship Day, Constitution Day is an American holiday honoring the day 39 delegates to the Constitutional Convention who signed the United States Constitution. This historic date was September 17, 1787.

On that date, the delegates met for the last time and they signed the document they had created. We encourage all Americans to observe this important day.

This is why we have chosen to come together today, in the shadow of the Macomb County Circuit Court Building which serves as backdrop as we reaffirm our Love for the United States of America and the Blessings of Freedom Our Founding Fathers secured for us.

Please accept our gratitude for your presence here today.

Michael J. Bouchard
Oakland County Sheriff

Anthony M. Wickersham
Macomb County Sheriff

Benny N. Napoleon
Wayne County Sheriff

James Craig
Detroit Police Chief

OAKLAND SHERIFF
MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD

WAYNE SHERIFF
BENNY N. NAPOLEON

MACOMB SHERIFF
ANTHONY M. WICKERSHAM

DETROIT POLICE CHIEF
JAMES E. CRAIG



WELCOME YOU TO
CONSTITUTION DAY COMMEMORATION



Law Enforcement Appreciation through Prayer

**A GATHERING TO AFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
CONSTITUTION AND SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT**

SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
5:30 P.M.



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MACOMB COUNTY FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL
40 N. MAIN , MT. CLEMENS, MI

Greeting & Recognitions: Sheriff Anthony Wickersham
Macomb County Sheriff's Office

Posting of the Colors: Honor Guard
Macomb County Sheriff's Office

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by Cub Scout Pack #157
Trinity Lutheran Church

National Anthem: The Arnold Trio
Kaitlyn, Nicole & Westan Arnold

Blessing: Father Michael Cooney
Saint Peter Catholic Church – Mt. Clemens

Comments: Deputy Chief Scott Gatti, Wayne County
Captain Gary Miller, Oakland County

Why We Gather: Chief James Craig
Detroit Police Department

Presentation: Justice David Viviano
Michigan Supreme Court

Thanksgivings: Judge Michael Warren
Oakland County Circuit Court & Patriot Week Co-Creator

America the Beautiful: Lori Wagner

The Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The Star Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!