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Amherst County Will Observe Constitution Week

Constitution Week is celebrated nationwide from September 17-September 23. In 1955, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) petitioned Congress to set aside this week to annually remember the signing of the United States Constitution. On August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the resolution into public law after it was adopted by the US Congress.

This year, the Amherst County School board will work with American History Chairman, Mary Mays to bring the activities to the schools. Each school will receive their own copy of the proclamation and students will receive bookmarks and coloring pages to commemorate the event.

Amherst County will observe Constitution week by signing a proclamation at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, at 7 PM. The Chairman will sign the proclamation as a representative of the citizens. Members of the press are invited to join members of the Board of Supervisors and the Amherst Chapter DAR members as they celebrate Constitution Week.

Local church bells will be rung at 4 PM on Tuesday September 17th as part of the Bells Across American program. The DAR has provided posters to area schools, libraries, and businesses to be displayed between September 17-September 23, 2019.

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