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## HONORING CONSTITUTION DAY, GPO OFFERS RESOURCES ON FOUNDING FATHERS' BLUEPRINT FOR DEMOCRACY

Constitution Day is Sunday, September 17

WASHINGTON--Each September, the Nation celebrates the day the United States Constitution was signed back in 1787. The U.S. Government Printing Office is helping commemorate this important date in our country's history by making available to the public the official Congressionally authorized U.S. Government Edition, widely known as the Pocket Constitution.

Congress and the U.S. Department of Education now require that any educational institution receiving Federal funding must hold an educational program on the U.S. Constitution for the students.

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