



Proclamation

WHEREAS, September 17th marks the anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787, a foundational document that established the framework of democratic governance and the rule of law in the United States; and

WHEREAS, On February 29, 1952, the United States Congress designated September 17 as Constitution and Citizenship Day by joint resolution 36 U.S.C. 106; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i has a proud and enduring tradition of constitutional governance; and

WHEREAS, beginning with the adoption of the first written constitution of the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1840, a constitutional monarchy was established which set forth the principles of justice, equality and representative government; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawai'i have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to democratic values, civic participation and the protection of individual rights throughout our complex and rich history; and

WHEREAS, Constitution and Citizenship Day provides an opportunity for the people of Hawai'i to reflect on the significance of constitutional principles, to honor the contributions of those who have worked to advance democracy and to reaffirm the responsibilities of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize and celebrate Hawai'i's diverse communities and their ongoing contributions to the strengthening of democratic governance and civic life in our state; and

WHEREAS, the democratic principles of popular sovereignty, rule of law, balance of power, equal representation and federalism are core to our identity as a nation; and


WHEREAS, in uncertain times our constitution and our citizenship unite us all under the values of equality, liberty and justice; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Josh Green, M.D., Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2025, as

"CONSTITUTION AND CITIZENSHIP DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge all to observe this day with activities and programs that promote civic education, democratic engagement and a deeper understanding of Hawai'i's unique constitutional history.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighth day of September 2025.



Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i