

**In Celebration of
CONSTITUTION DAY
September 17, 2019**

WHEREAS, Our founding fathers, securing the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity, did ordain and establish a Constitution for the United States of America, which has proved, government established by the people through reflection and deliberate choice, can thrive and endure. Constitution day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution recognizing all individuals born in in the U.S. or by naturalization, are citizens of our great country; and

WHEREAS, it is of the greatest importance citizens fully understand the provisions and principles contained in the Constitution in order to support it, preserve it and defend it against encroachment. We are a Nation of laws, and laws must be enacted by the people's elected representatives. The Constitution ensures the Government acts only with the consent of the governed, as expressed by the representatives responsible to them. That vital safeguard is lost when obscure and unaccountable regulators impose unforeseen mandates on the American people or twist the plain meaning of statutes to regulate without authority from the Congress. Our constitutional system will be "of little avail to the people," Madison said, when the law "is little known, and less fixed"; and

WHEREAS, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides a historic cultural opportunity for all Americans to recognize the value and success of a nation of free people whose rights and liberties are protected by a written Constitution and to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship as well as its attendant responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the independence granted to the American people by the Constitution should be celebrated on Constitution Day, September 17, 2019 as designated by proclamation of the President of the United States in accordance with Public Law No. 915.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mayor John Suthers of Colorado Springs; President Richard Skorman, Colorado Springs City Council; by virtue of the authority vested in us, do hereby officially proclaim September 17, 2019 as

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and urge all our citizens to reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 26th day of August 2019.

Richard Skorman, President
Colorado Springs City Council

John W. Suthers, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs