



City of Mission Viejo

Proclamation

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Mission Viejo
Proclaiming September 17 through 23, 2016, to be

Constitution Week

Whereas, on May 25, 1787, twenty-nine delegates met at Independence Hall, chose George Washington to be their presiding officer, and labored throughout the summer in the Philadelphia heat to write a governing document intended to secure the blessings of liberty for themselves and their posterity; and

Whereas, on September 17 in that same year, the delegates to this Constitutional Convention had, at last, completed their task and composed a document that became known as the Constitution of the United States of America; and

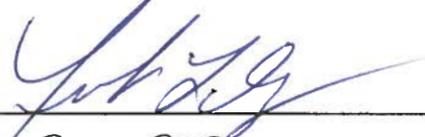
Whereas, in response to concerns raised by some states, the first Ten Amendments to that Constitution—which are collectively called the Bill of Rights—were submitted to Congress in September 1789 and ratified by three-fourths of the states on December 15, 1791; and

Whereas, it is of the greatest importance that all citizens fully understand the principles on which the United States Constitution is based and the provisions contained therein so that they may be both willing and able to support, preserve, and defend it against all encroachment; and

Whereas, this two hundred and twenty-seventh anniversary of the signing of the Constitution provides a historic opportunity for all Americans to recognize the obstacles faced by the Framers of the Constitution, appreciate their achievement in crafting this unique document, and acquaint themselves with its provisions.

Now, therefore, I, Cathy Schlicht, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo and on behalf of the members of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2016, to be **Constitution Week** in the City of Mission Viejo and do urge all who are citizens, whether by birth or by naturalization, to reflect during this period on the many benefits of our Federal Constitution and on both the rights and the responsibilities of American citizenship.

September 17, 2016



Frank Ury, Mayor