

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
CONSTITUTION WEEK
SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2012**

- WHEREAS:** September 17, 2012 begins the national celebration of Constitution Week. The Constitution of the United States of America stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights for every American; and
- WHEREAS:** The United States of America functions as a Republic under its Constitution, which is the oldest document in the world still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people; and
- WHEREAS:** It is the belief of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) that those who wrote the Constitution believed that no government can *create* freedom, but that government must *guard* freedom rather than encroach upon the freedoms of its people; and
- WHEREAS:** The Constitution is recognized as an icon of freedom for people around the world; and
- WHEREAS:** For 122 years the Daughters of the American Revolution has actively supported the principles of our Constitution; and
- WHEREAS:** The tradition of celebrating the Constitution began in 1955 when the DAR petitioned our Congress of the United States of America. The congressional resolution was later adopted and signed into law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and
- WHEREAS:** The goals of the celebration are to:
- Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, preserving it for posterity; and
 - Inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life; and
 - Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; now
- THEREFORE:** I, MICHAEL EDMONDSON, Commissioner, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 2012 as Constitution Week in Clayton County, Georgia. I encourage all residents to read and study this historical document that serves as the foundation of which our great nation was built upon.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 11th day of September in the year two thousand twelve.

Michael Edmondson, Commissioner