



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2020 AS CONSTITUTION WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, Constitution Week, a week commemorating our nation's founding document and to reflect on our responsibilities to protect and defend the Constitution, will take place September 17 – September 23, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, The Chicago City Council has been informed of this national event by the Honorable Matthew J. O'Shea, Alderman of the 19th Ward; and

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2020 marks the 233rd anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a nonprofit, non-political, national women's service organization that hosts Constitution Week to commemorate America's most important document; and


**WHEREAS**, The local Dewalt Mechlin Chapter of DAR has members from all around the City, the surrounding suburbs, and across Illinois and neighboring states, and is responsible for over a century of service to the community by making gift bags for veterans, serving as election judges, installing commemorative markers at historic locations, collecting donations for food pantries and women's shelters, and sewing masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1956, the DAR successfully petitioned the United States Congress to adopt a resolution declaring September 17 – 23 as Constitution Week, which was signed into law on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and

**WHEREAS**, Constitution Week emphasizes the responsibility to protect and defend the Constitution, inform people that the Constitution is the foundation for the American way of life and encourage the study of historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; and

**WHEREAS**, It is in the public's interest for the residents, civic leaders, and children in the City of Chicago to gain knowledge and maintain an understanding of the Constitution; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this ninth day of September, 2020, do hereby recognize the week of September 17 – 23, 2020 as Constitution Week, commend the Daughters of the American Revolution for their continued service, and encourage all residents to study the Constitution and what it means to the country.

  
MATTHEW J. O'SHEA  
Alderman, 19th Ward