

A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE ENDURING GREATNESS OF THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION; REQUESTING THAT ALL PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO REGARD
AND TREAT THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION WITH THE RESPECT IT
IS DUE.

WHEREAS, the United States constitution is one of the
greatest documents ever written; and

WHEREAS, the United States constitution is the supreme
law of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the United States constitution established
three branches of government — a legislature, the bicameral
congress; an executive branch led by the president; and a
judicial branch headed by the supreme court — and specified
the powers and duties of each branch; and

WHEREAS, the United States constitution reserved all
non-enumerated powers to the states and the people, and
thereby established the federal system of government; and

WHEREAS, the United States constitution was written in
1787 and is a marvel of brevity and of clarity; and

WHEREAS, the United States constitution is the second
oldest written constitution still in use by any nation in the
world; and

WHEREAS, the United States constitution has withstood
the test of time, and two hundred twenty-four years later, the

United States constitution has only been amended twenty-seven times; and

WHEREAS, the bill of rights is the collective name for the first ten amendments to the United States constitution, which amendments limit the power of the United States federal government; and

WHEREAS, the bill of rights confers the natural rights of liberty and property, which rights are considered to be self-evident and universal; and

WHEREAS, constitution day commemorates the signing of the United States constitution on September 17, 1787, and was celebrated in fifth grade classrooms statewide during the week of September 12 through 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that during the constitution day commemorations, schools and the state bar of New Mexico make abundantly clear to students across the state that their constitutional rights are inalienable and are never to be surrendered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all commemorations of constitution day that take place in New Mexico schools inform students that their constitutional rights are protected and are non-negotiable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the New Mexico supreme court, the

secretary of public education, the state bar of New Mexico and
all county bar associations in New Mexico.