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#### **Constitution Day** *A Celebration of Our Civic Roots*

**ABILENE, Kan.**—The Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum will expand its Constitution Day celebration this year by showing a 62-minute documentary film entitled, *Key Constitutional Concepts*. The film will be featured on Wednesday, Sept. 17, in the Visitors Center. Viewing times are 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:45 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.. All viewers will receive a pocket-size Constitution. The film, in three parts, explores the creation of the Constitution and two landmark Supreme Court cases: *Gideon v. Wainwright* and *Youngstown v. Sawyer*.

“*Key Constitutional Concepts* is an excellent film. Our Constitution Day viewers will find it not only informative, but entertaining as well. We are pleased to share this Constitutional history with our visitors,” states Kim Barbieri, Education Specialist at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum.

On Friday, Sept. 19, the Constitution Day school program will be held in the library building, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will present colors and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A program highlight will be a performance by St. Andrew’s and Garfield Upper Elementary students, singing “We the People.” Plumed pens in hand, students will sign a facsimile of the Constitution and receive a pocket Constitution and an American flag.

The Eisenhower Center has partnered with two organizations for the Constitution Day events. The film is courtesy of the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands. For more information and classroom resources, visit their web site at [www.annenbergclassroom.org](http://www.annenbergclassroom.org).

The National Center for Constitutional Studies (NCCS) donated the pocket Constitutions. This organization was created in 1971 to repopularize the Constitution of the United States in the tradition of America's Founding Fathers. To learn more about NCCS and their educational materials, please visit [www.nccs.net](http://www.nccs.net).

The Sept. 19 Constitution Day school program will conclude at approximately 11 a.m. and is open to the public free of charge. For further information, contact Kim Barbieri at 785-263-6700 or by email at [kim.barbieri@nara.gov](mailto:kim.barbieri@nara.gov). The Eisenhower Library is one of twelve Presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. To learn more, please visit [www.eisenhower.archives.gov](http://www.eisenhower.archives.gov).

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Dwight D. Eisenhower, Homecoming Speech, Abilene, Kansas, June 22, 1945

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