

## **BELLS ACROSS AMERICA**

**2016**

Constitution Day, September 17, the day on which the Constitution of the United States of America was signed in 1787, marks the beginning of Constitution Week observed annually from September 17 to 23.

Many thanks to the groups and individuals who joined the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the local Van Rensselaer Chapter in commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Constitution Day in the past. May we ask your cooperation once again?

To commemorate the 229<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Van Rensselaer Chapter in Troy, New York, encourages and invites individuals, churches, schools, courthouses, fire houses, veterans' homes, county, city, town, and village governments, as well as any other institution or place that has a bell, to join in ringing BELLS ACROSS AMERICA on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Bells will be rung simultaneously in all time zones so they are heard across America from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean—or in words taken from “America, the Beautiful”—“From Sea to Shining Sea.” Please join us in making this project a great success!

The following announcement may be printed in Church Bulletins, in Newsletters or announcements sent to your members and/or friends groups:

September 17, 2016, begins the national celebration of Constitution week. The week-long commemoration of America's most important document is one of our country's least known official observances. Our Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedom, and to ensure those inalienable rights to every American. BELLS will be rung simultaneously in all time zones ACROSS AMERICA at 4 p.m. Eastern Time on September 17. Please join in this event by ringing a bell! This announcement provided by the Van Rensselaer Chapter, NSDAR, Troy, NY.

OR

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**AFTER THE BELL RINGING:** Please complete the following form and mail to Mrs. Alice Goebel, Constitution Week Chairman, 96 Old Mill Pond Road, Nassau, NY 12123, or e-mail the information to [agoebel@fairpoint.net](mailto:agoebel@fairpoint.net) so the committee knows that you participated and we can pass it on to our state and national chairmen. Thank you.

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After participating in the 2016 BELLS ACROSS AMERICA, please complete the following report and mail to Mrs. Alice Goebel, Constitution Week Chairman, 96 Old Mill Pond Road, Nassau, NY 12123-2633 or e-mail the information to agoebel@fairpoint.net

NAME OF PARTICIPATING GROUP \_\_\_\_\_

Place/address \_\_\_\_\_

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Person (s) in charge of project \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Bell Ringing \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bells Rung \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Persons Participating \_\_\_\_\_

Other activities relating to this project (exhibits, projects, presentations):

Comments:

Please send a copy of any photos or news articles relating to your participation which can be included in my report to the State and National chairmen. Thanks for your participation!