

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, September 17, 2015 marks the two hundred twenty- eighth anniversary of the drafting of the 1787 Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America, designating September 17 through 23rd as Constitution Week; and

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence exemplified that man has a right to cast off oppressive government and thus laid the principles for the US Constitution; and

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence states “ We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” Which happiness was understood to be property and that the proper role of government is to secure these rights; and

Whereas, the Constitution defined two axioms for our nation: the first for basic human equality and the second for a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, the Constitution declared that governing would be upheld by three branches: the executive, the legislative, and the judicial branch; and

Whereas, the Constitution delegates certain powers to the federal government, retaining all other to the states and people and describes the limited duties of the respective governments; and

Whereas, the Constitution guarantees unto every state a Republican form of government; and

Whereas, the Constitution affirms many individual rights and freedoms; and

Whereas, article 1 sec.2, of the Washington State Constitution declares that the United States Constitution is Supreme Law of the land; and

Whereas, it is imperative that the citizens of Stevens County recognize the principles and importance of the Constitution in limiting the jurisdictional authority of the federal government; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the anniversary of our Country's beginnings;

THEREFORE, we, the Board of Stevens County Commissioners for the county of Stevens in the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim **September 17 through 23rd**, as

Constitution Week

in the County of Stevens and urge all citizens to reaffirm in ideals and principles that created this document by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us by this guardian of liberty.

Passed by the Board of Stevens County Commissioners meeting in regular session at Colville, Washington, by the following vote, then signed by its membership and attested to by its Clerk in authorization of such passage the 3 YEA; 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; and 0 ABSENT, 2015.


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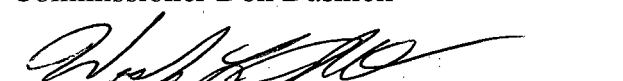
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OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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Polly Coleman, Clerk of the Board


Commissioner Wes McCart