

*September 17-23, 2005*

# Public Affairs: Citizenship Day & Constitution Week

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***"Our Republic would surely founder but for the faith and confidence that we collectively place in our Constitution."***

The Congress, by joint resolution of February 29, 1952 (36 U.S.C. 106), designated September 17 as "Citizenship Day," and by joint resolution of August 2, 1956 (36 U.S.C. 108), requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week." On September 17, 2001, President Bush officially proclaimed September 17 as Citizenship Day and September 17 through September 23, as Constitution Week.

-From *Citizenship Day and Constitution Week Proclamation* by the President of the United States of America, 2001 <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010917-15.html> [accessed 8/30/05]

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This fall, **Missouri State University** begins this academic year with a new name and a new President, Dr. Michael T. Nietzel. In his vision for the University, Dr. Nietzel outlined the following five goals which reflect the University's statewide Public Affairs mission:

- Democratizing society
- Incubating new ideas
- Helping the region, Missouri, and the nation imagine their futures
- Preparing individuals to understand and create those futures
- Being an institution that models ethical behavior, inclusiveness, and social progress

In his July 2005 *Friday Focus* <http://www.missouristate.edu/president/fridayfocus/200507.htm>, Dr. Nietzel expanded on the first of his five goals, "Democratizing society," particularly appropriate as Missouri State University observes its Public Affairs mission through a week of activities September 12-15, culminating with September 17, "Citizenship Day" and September 17-23, "Constitution Week."

In conjunction with these observances, the **Meyer Library Reference & Government Information Department** invites readers to the **New Books Area of Meyer Library** to explore visuals, books, and other library resources celebrating our Constitution and reminding us of our rights and obligations as citizens of our Nation.

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