THE
14TH AMENDMENT

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2018 CIVIC CALENDAR
In 2018, THE 14TH AMENDMENT turns 150. Ratified in 1868, this transformational Amendment enshrined President Abraham Lincoln’s promise of “a new birth of freedom” into our Constitution. In the words of the National Constitution Center’s President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen, “It is ONE OF THE CROWN JEWELS OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY, and if Thomas Jefferson, in the Declaration of Independence, promised that ‘all men are created equal,’ it took the 14th Amendment, after the bloodiest war in American history, to make that promise a reality.” The 14th Amendment is a critical part of America’s Second Founding.

On this key anniversary, the time is ripe for a national conversation about the 14th Amendment’s enduring meaning and lasting importance. The more we understand the history of our nation’s Second Founding, the better equipped we will be to confront the constitutional questions of our present and future.

This calendar will introduce you to America’s Second Founding by examining the history and legacy of the 14th Amendment. Each month of this calendar explores the words, principles, and ideas of the amendment through the lens of the constitutional figures who wrote, ratified, and fought to realize its promise of liberty and equality.

For in-depth, nonpartisan essays on the 14th Amendment, written by top scholars, check out the Interactive Constitution at constitutioncenter.org/constitution.
### JANUARY

**SUN** | **MON** | **TUE** | **WED** | **THU** | **FRI** | **SAT**
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1 | **Museum Closed**
   President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation (1863)
   Birthday of President Millard Fillmore (1800)
   Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929)
   Birthday of President Richard Nixon (1913)
   18th Amendment ratified — prohibits manufacture, sale, and transportation of intoxicating liquors (1919)
   Birthday of Constitutional Convention delegate Benjamin Franklin (1706)
   20th Amendment ratified — presidential inaugurations move to January (1933)
   Birthday of President William McKinley (1843)
2 | **Museum Closed**
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7 | **Birthday of President Millard Fillmore (1800)**
8 | **Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929)**
   **Macy’s Family Day**
   Featuring $5 admission
   New Jersey v. T.L.O. (1985) allows schools to search students’ belongings with reasonable suspicion
   Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929)
9 | Birthday of President Richard Nixon (1913)
   Harvey Milk becomes the first openly gay man to hold elected office in the U.S. (1978)
10 | Birthday of Constitutional Convention delegate and first Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton (1757)
11 | In Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier (1988), the Supreme Court rules that school administrators may censor student newspapers to protect the school’s academic mission
12 | **Birthday of Constitutional Convention delegate and first Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton (1757)**
   **Birthday of President William McKinley (1843)**
13 | **Birthday of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882)**
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23 | 20th Amendment ratified — presidential inaugurations move to January (1933)
   24th Amendment ratified — abolishes poll tax (1964)
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   **Birthday of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882)**

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### CIVIC HOLIDAY
**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE**

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The story of the 14th Amendment actually begins with the battle over the Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights, as we know it today, includes the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. These amendments ensure that the federal government may not infringe on the basic rights of the people. James Madison, the Founding Father who drafted the Bill of Rights, also wanted to include an amendment preventing state governments from violating some of the same rights, including free speech, a free press, and the right to a jury trial. But Congress rejected Madison’s idea. It would take almost a century for Madison’s vision to finally make its way into the Constitution—in the 14th Amendment. In fact, many scholars believe that the 14th Amendment goes even further than Madison envisioned, protecting an even more robust set of rights than Madison’s original provision.
# February

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15th Amendment ratified—voting rights cannot be denied on account of race (1870)
16th Amendment ratified—establishes a federal income tax (1913)

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Birthday of Rosa Parks, civil rights pioneer (1913)
Birthday of President Ronald Reagan (1911)
11th Amendment ratified—affirms states’ sovereign immunity (1795)
Birthday of President William Henry Harrison (1773)
25th Amendment ratified—establishes succession process during presidential disability (1967)

**11** | **12**

Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (1809)
NAACP founded in New York City (1909)

**13** | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17**

Observed birthday of Frederick Douglass, abolitionist leader (1818)

**18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** | **24**

18th Amendment ratified—prohibits the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating beverages within the United States (1919)
The Confederation Congress passes a resolution in favor of a Constitutional Convention (1787)
Birthday of Constitutional Convention president and first president of the United States, George Washington (1732)
In Marbury v. Madison (1803), the Supreme Court establishes judicial review

**25** | **26** | **27** | **28**

Hiram Rhodes Revels is sworn in as the first African-American senator (1870)
22nd Amendment ratified—sets a two-term limit on the office of the president (1951)

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**Civic holidays**
African American History Month & Presidents Day

**At the museum**
- African American History Month at the museum is generously underwritten by TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank®
- The Breaking Barriers program lets visitors “dress the part” as they explore the lives of African-American heroes, then guests can take a self-guided tour and see our rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, a signed copy of President Obama’s speech, and more!
- On Presidents Day guests can “meet” some of history’s favorite presidents and even participate in our Presidential Costume Contest!

**In the classroom**
- Learn about abolition and the Reconstruction era! With our Interactive Constitution and special episodes of Constitution Hall Pass you and your students can learn more about the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments!
- Visit our website for more ways to commemorate African American History Month and Presidents Day.
When President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation during the Civil War, it freed enslaved people in Confederate-controlled areas. However, after the Civil War, President Lincoln and his generation ratified a series of transformational amendments—the 13th, 14th, and 15th—that scholars often refer to as America’s Second Founding. These Reconstruction amendments sought to set new constitutional baselines for post-Civil War America and, above all, to ensure that formerly enslaved people experienced “a new birth of freedom.”

The 13th Amendment abolished slavery throughout the entire country, and the 15th Amendment guaranteed the right to vote free of racial discrimination. Ratified in 1868, the 14th Amendment offered a robust set of protections. Columbia University’s Eric Foner described it as the attempt “to put into the Constitution...the consequences of the Civil War— the meaning of the abolition of slavery and the preservation of the Union.” So let’s explore what this amendment says, and what it all means...
# MARCH

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### AT THE MUSEUM

- **JOIN US FOR SCOUT DAYS**
  - Enjoy a fun-filled day learning about American history while working on Merit Badges, Adventures, or Journeys!
  - Additional dates this fall
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### CIVIC HOLIDAY

#### WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

#### AT THE MUSEUM

- At our special workshop visitors will learn about Women’s Suffrage while decoding a unique educational music video — inspired by Lady Gaga!
- Our self-guided museum tour highlights rare artifacts, like Justice Sandra Day O’Connor’s Supreme Court robe.
- Enrich your experience by booking the Women’s History Themed Package and learn about the remarkable American women who fought for equality.

#### IN THE CLASSROOM

- Visit our website to learn more about the 19th Amendment on our Interactive Constitution — the best nonpartisan interactive Constitution on the web!

### JOIN US FOR SPRING BREAK WEEK FEATURING SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Birthday of Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, first woman to serve on the Supreme Court (1930)
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- 23rd Amendment ratified — grants electoral votes to Washington, D.C. (1961)

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**GIRL SCOUT DAY**

**BOY SCOUT DAY**

**HAMILTON EXHIBIT OPENING**

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- In Gibbons v. Ogden (1824), the Supreme Court rules that Congress may regulate interstate commerce

**2**

- The Articles of Confederation are ratified (1781)

**3**

- In Dred Scott v. Sandford (1857), the Supreme Court rules that people of African descent are not U.S. citizens

**4**

- Boston Massacre (1770)

**5**

- In McCulloch v. Maryland (1819), the Supreme Court confirms that Congress has additional, implied powers under the Constitution

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- The “Bloody Sunday” march from Selma to Montgomery takes place (1965)

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- Janet Reno is confirmed as the first female U.S. attorney general (1993)

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- International Women’s Day

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- Birthday of President Grover Cleveland (1837)

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- In Gideon v. Wainwright (1963), the Supreme Court rules that states must provide an attorney for those who cannot afford one

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John Bingham is one of American history’s forgotten heroes. A congressman from Ohio, he was one of the most important figures in the Reconstruction Congress and a key member of the Joint Committee on Reconstruction, which was tasked with writing the 14th Amendment. Most important of all, he was the primary author of Section 1 of the 14th Amendment, which enshrined the Declaration of Independence’s promises of liberty and equality in the Constitution. It is little wonder that Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black later called Bingham the “MADISON” OF THE 14TH AMENDMENT.

THE CLAUSES: Now that we’ve explored a little bit of the backstory, let’s look at what the 14th Amendment actually says. It’s a long amendment—almost as long as the 10 amendments of the Bill of Rights combined—but there are a few clauses that stand out, most of which are found in Section 1 (the portion written by John Bingham). This calendar will explore these clauses over the next few months.
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- **April 1–7**
  - U.S. Mint established by Congress (1792)
  - Jeannette Rankin takes her seat as the first female member of Congress (1917)
  - William Henry Harrison is the first president to die in office (1841)

**TAX DAY & EARTH DAY**

- **April 15**
  - 17th Amendment ratified—establishes direct election of U.S. senators (1913)
  - Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrenders his Army of Northern Virginia, leading to the end of the Civil War (1865)
  - Revolutionary War begins with the Battles of Lexington and Concord (1775)

**IN THE CLASSROOM**

- **April 17**
  - Constitution Hall Pass Live Chat: Dollars and Sense: Tax Day

- **April 18**
  - Constitution Hall Pass Live Chat: Everything’s Gone Green: The Story of Earth Day

- **April 22**
  - Constitution Hall Pass Live Chat: The Story of Earth Day

- **April 29**
  - Constitution Hall Pass Live Chat: The Story of Earth Day

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- **April 1, 2023**
  - Hamilton: The Constitutional Clashes that Shaped a Nation

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**CIVIC HOLIDAYS**

- **April 15**
  - Tax Day
- **April 22**
  - Earth Day
Prior to the Civil War, an enslaved man named **DRED SCOTT** sued to be recognized as a U.S. citizen. He took his case to the Supreme Court, but the Court ruled against him, with Chief Justice Roger Taney infamously writing that African-Americans “had no rights which the white man was bound to respect.”

The 14th Amendment’s opening lines—the Citizenship Clause—overturned the *Dred Scott* decision, guaranteeing equal citizenship to everyone born in the United States, including former slaves.

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States.”

You can explore the *Dred Scott* case with your students with our Landmark Cases Lesson Plans, available at constitutioncenter.org/learn.
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**CIVIC HOLIDAYS**

**LAW DAY & MEMORIAL DAY**

**AT THE MUSEUM**
- Celebrate the Constitution, the supreme law of the land, on Law Day.
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**MAY**

*In Brown v. Board of Education (1954), the Supreme Court rules that segregation of public schools is unconstitutional.*

*Massachusetts becomes the first state in the U.S. to allow same-sex marriage (2004).*

*In Plessy v. Ferguson (1896), the Supreme Court rules that states and businesses can impose racial segregation.*

*The Constitutional Convention opens (1787).*

*The National Constitution Center is the best place to turn to for Constitution Day resources! Celebrate with us at the museum or in your classrooms — visit constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday.*
The 14th Amendment’s next clause is the Privileges or Immunities Clause. Many scholars believe that John Bingham and his fellow 14th Amendment framers wrote this clause to protect Americans from state abuses of core rights, including key Bill of Rights protections like free speech and religious liberty.

However, thanks to a narrow interpretation of this clause by the Supreme Court in the SLAUGHTER-HOUSE CASES, this clause is rarely referenced by lawyers and judges today.

“No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States.”
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Also in Section 1 of the 14th Amendment is the Due Process Clause. Throughout the years, the Supreme Court has interpreted this clause to protect numerous substantive rights, including a right to privacy, the right to an attorney, and, recently, the right of couples to marry, regardless of their sex, as determined by *Obergefell v. Hodges*. In other words, these are rights that are so fundamental that no government may deprive us of them, regardless of the procedures that the government follows.

Courts have read the Due Process Clause as protecting both **procedural** and **substantive** rights. It says that there are certain procedures the states must follow before depriving individuals of their right to life, liberty, or property. For example, the government must notify someone before taking legal action against them and give them a chance to be heard by an impartial decision-maker, such as a judge or jury.

The Due Process Clause has also been found to be the basis of the concept of "Incorporation," which extends key Bill of Rights protections to state abuses. We’ll explore that a bit more later on in the calendar.

"...nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law"
## JULY

### AT THE MUSEUM

#### ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATION ON INDEPENDENCE MALL

- **4th of July (Independence Day)**

  - Battle of Gettysburg begins (1863)
  - 26th Amendment ratified—lowers voting age to 18 (1971)

- **8th**
  - Adoption of the Declaration of Independence (1776)
  - Birthday of President Calvin Coolidge (1972)

- **9th**
  - The Second Continental Congress votes for independence (1776)
  - 26th Amendment ratified—lowers voting age to 18 (1971)

- **10th**
  - 14th Amendment ratified—guarantees rights of citizenship and establishes due process (1868)

- **11th**
  - Birth of President John Quincy Adams (1767)
  - Alexander Hamilton is fatally wounded in a duel with Vice President Aaron Burr (1804)

- **12th**
  - Birthday of President George W. Bush (1946)

- **13th**
  - Birthday of President Gerald Ford (1913)

- **14th**
  - Independence Day Show

- **15th**
  - Beginning of the Seneca Falls Convention, the first women’s rights convention (1848)

- **16th**
  - In United States v. Nixon (1974), the Supreme Court defines limits on the power of the Executive Branch

- **17th**
  - The Constitutional Convention establishes the Committee of Detail to draft the Constitution (1787)

- **18th**
  - President George H.W. Bush signs the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)

- **19th**
  - The Second Continental Congress votes for independence (1776)

- **20th**
  - Adoption of the Declaration of Independence (1776)

- **21st**
  - Birthday of President Calvin Coolidge (1972)

- **22nd**
  - Battle of Gettysburg begins (1863)

- **23rd**
  - 26th Amendment ratified—lowers voting age to 18 (1971)

- **24th**
  - The Constitutional Convention establishes the Committee of Detail to draft the Constitution (1787)
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- **25th**

- **26th**
  - President George H.W. Bush signs the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)

- **27th**

- **28th**

### IN THE CLASSROOM

- **29th**
  - Explore how Americans throughout history have celebrated on July 4; bring the educational Independence Day Show to your school or camp with our Traveling History and Civics Program.

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The Equal Protection Clause wrote the Declaration of Independence’s promise of equality into the Constitution. John Bingham described it as “a simple, strong, plain declaration that equal laws and equal and exact justice shall hereafter be secured within every State of the Union,” guaranteeing “equal protection” for “any person, no matter whence he comes, or how poor, how weak, how simple—no matter how friendless.” This is the language that brought us the Supreme Court’s unanimous ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which declared that separate schools for black students and white students were unconstitutional.

While the Equal Protection Clause was designed, in part, to end discrimination against African-Americans, it would take nearly a century before the Supreme Court interpreted it that way in decisions like *Brown*. 
# AUGUST

**CONSTITUTION DAY**

IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
CELEBRATE WITH US ON 9.17.2018
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| The Revenue Cutter Service, predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard, is founded (1790)
Birthday of President Barack Obama (1961) |

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The Committee of Detail presents its preliminary draft of the Constitution to the Constitutional Convention (1787)
President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act of 1965

6
Richard Nixon announces his resignation as president (1974)

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Birthday of President Herbert Hoover (1874)

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Birthday of President Lyndon B. Johnson (1908)

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his “I Have a Dream” speech at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom (1963)

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Birthday of President Lyndon B. Johnson (1908)

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Thurgood Marshall is confirmed as the first African American Supreme Court justice (1967)

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Birthday of President William J. Clinton (1946)
Birthday of President Benjamin Harrison (1833)

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19th Amendment ratified—voting rights cannot be denied on account of sex (1920)

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You may be asking why it took so long for cases like *Brown v. Board of Education* to establish what many now consider to be mere common sense—that all men and women are created equal, no matter their race. To answer that, let’s return for a moment to American history.

Reconstruction efforts mostly ended in 1877, and southern states began to pass “Jim Crow” laws that enforced racial segregation and discriminated against African-Americans—despite the promises of liberty and equality written into the new Reconstruction Amendments, including the 14th Amendment. Even the Supreme Court struck down provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1875, a law that Congress had passed to protect African-Americans from racial discrimination.

**POST-RECONSTRUCTION ERA**

This period brings into focus activists like OCTAVIUS CATTO, a leader in the civil rights movement in the mid-nineteenth century. Catto fought to desegregate trolley cars in Philadelphia, and advocated for Pennsylvania’s ratification of the 15th Amendment. Once a forgotten constitutional hero, Catto was an inspiration to later civil rights leaders who would continue to fight for equality in the 20th century. Catto was murdered in 1871 while attempting to exercise his right vote in Philadelphia.
SEPTEMBER

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AT THE MUSEUM

CONSTITUTION DAY
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CONSTITUTION DAY
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LIVE CHATS WITH OUR EDUCATION STAFF ALL WEEK LONG

The Treaty of Paris ends the Revolutionary War (1783)

President George Washington publishes his farewell address (1796)

U.S. Air Force established (1947)

Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation is issued (1862)

The Battle of Fort McHenry inspires Francis Scott Key to write the “Star-Spangled Banner” (1814)

Sandra Day O’Connor is confirmed as the first female Supreme Court justice (1981)

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins
Birthday of President William H. Taft (1857)

Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell (DADT) is formally repealed (2011)

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Returning to the 14th Amendment, let’s explore the amendment’s final clause, found in Section 5: THE ENFORCEMENT CLAUSE. This clause gives Congress the authority to protect the civil rights of all Americans. In particular, it said that Congress could adopt “appropriate” legislation to enforce the other parts of the amendment—most notably, the provisions of Section 1 and their promise of liberty and equality. Congress used this power to pass landmark civil rights legislation, like the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed Jim Crow laws in the South that robbed African-Americans of the right to vote.

“The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.”
**OCTOBER**

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- Birthday of President Jimmy Carter (1924)
- Birthday of President Rutherford B. Hayes (1822)
- Birthday of President Chester A. Arthur (1829)
- Columbus Day
- Birthday of President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890)
- National Hispanic Heritage Month ends
- Birthday of President John Adams (1735)

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The 14th Amendment transformed the Constitution in one final way. While the Bill of Rights only applied to abuses by the federal government, the 14th Amendment extended many key Bill of Rights protections to state abuses, too. This process of applying the Bill of Rights to the states is known as **INCORPORATION**. The key defender of incorporation on the Supreme Court was Justice Hugo Black.

Justice Black studied the Reconstruction era closely and concluded that key Reconstruction framers like John Bingham sought to enforce Bill of Rights protections like free speech and religious liberty against the states. Justice Black wanted all first eight amendments to be “incorporated”—in other words, to apply—against state abuses. The Court eventually reached nearly the same result, taking a selective, case-by-case approach and deciding to incorporate each right individually during the mid-20th century—most recently extending the Second Amendment’s right to keep and bear arms to state and local laws in *McDonald v. City of Chicago* (2010).
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### Civic Holidays

#### Election Day, Veterans Day & Thanksgiving

**At the Museum**
- On **Veterans Day**, honor those who have served our country with a wreath-laying ceremony, veteran interviews, and musical performances.
- During **Thanksgiving weekend**, explore the history of the holiday and enjoy a cornucopia of fun fall activities.

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- **THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING**

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- **Birthday of President John F. Kennedy** is assassinated in Dallas, Texas (1963)
- **Birthday of President Franklin Pierce** (1804)
- **Birthday of President Zachary Taylor** (1784)

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As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 14th Amendment, we must celebrate all of the freedoms and protections it has given us over the years. As Harvard Law School’s Tomiko Brown-Nagin states, “The 14th Amendment is a tremendously important component of our Constitution. . . . Because of the 14th Amendment we’re entitled to fundamental fairness, called equal protection and due process of laws, regardless of race, sex, or nationality. By virtue of ways in which the courts and Congress have interpreted the amendment, we benefit from bans on race- and sex-based discrimination in publicly funded schools and colleges, prohibitions on discriminations in employment, protections for people with disabilities, and for interracial couples. States can’t deny the right of same-sex couples to marry because of the 14th Amendment, nor can states infringe on the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, including the freedoms of speech and of religion, to assemble and to protest. In short, the 14th Amendment, and legislation that Congress has enacted pursuant to it, have made real the American ideal.”
DECEMBER

AT THE MUSEUM

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• Visit Constituting Liberty: From the Declaration to the Bill of Rights exhibit and our American Treasures exhibit.

7
• Delaware is the first state to ratify the Constitution (1787)

8
• The U.S. Congress declares war on Japan and enters World War II following the attack on Pearl Harbor (1941)

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• The Bill of Rights is ratified (1791)

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DECEMBER 26 TO 31

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The Bill of Rights Day falls on December 15th. On this day, visitors can celebrate the ratification of the Bill of Rights by participating in various activities and learning about the history of the Bill of Rights.

On December 26th to 31st, the museum will host its Holiday Week Festival, offering visitors a festive way to learn about the history of the Bill of Rights.

For more information, visitors can visit the museum’s website or contact group sales at groupsales@constitutioncenter.org or call 215.409.6800.
ABOUT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

• The first and only nonprofit, nonpartisan museum, civic education center, and town hall devoted to the U.S. Constitution and its legacy of freedom

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