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**From Principles to Practice: Democracy in Your
Backyard**

The Declaration of Independence marked a philosophical beginning, a bold statement that the people held the ultimate authority and that governments were instituted to protect their natural rights.

But the Constitution is where those ideals took form.

By 1787, the Founders recognized that liberty must be secured through structure. The Constitution was their solution: a framework that distributed power, checked tyranny, and made self-government possible.

Together, the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution form a civic blueprint that declares and secures our rights. This Constitution Day, we're celebrating how those ideals show up not just in courtrooms or Congress, but in communities across the country.

Take **Emerald Garret**, a legislative assistant whose story began with a passion for languages and led her to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her journey reminds us that civic impact doesn't require national fame, it starts right where you are.

[Watch Emerald's story and celebrate democracy in action.](#)



Constitution Day Live: Real Questions, Real Civic Life

In Celebration of Constitution Day on **September 17**, we're premiering classroom-ready videos and live content all month long.

As part of our Constitution Day Live series, we've teamed up with **Professor Matthew Green** to answer student submitted-questions on the Constitution, from its structure and compromises to how its meaning has evolved over time.

 [Watch: Civics on the Street | Exploring the Constitution with Matthew Green](#)

Want to bring this kind of civic excitement into your community? With your help, we can get resources like Pocket Constitutions into classrooms nationwide.

[Support Civics Champion and get the Constitution into classrooms across the country.](#)

MyImpact Challenge Launched September 11



MyImpact Challenge opened this **September 11**, the National Day of Service.

This national civic engagement contest empowers students to launch community-based projects grounded in America's Founding Principles. Past winners have led fundraisers, launched nonprofits, and built bridges between communities.

Top entries can win up to **\$10,000**, but the real prize is learning how civic virtue can shape lives and laws.

[Encourage a student to start their civic journey today.](#)



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