

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day Proclamation

Whereas the Constitution, its Preamble, the Bill of Rights, and the 27 Amendments define our government and are the basis for the legal structure and moral legitimacy of the United States of America;

Whereas the Constitution was crafted in Philadelphia from May 25 to September 17, 1787, after a great deal of contention and compromise among the 39 signers. It was ratified in 1789, replacing the failed previous document, The Confederation of States;

Whereas all human beings born in or naturalized in the United States of America have the rights, protections, responsibilities, and obligations of citizenship;

Whereas the United States of America is a nation of immigrants, the only exception being the descendants of the original nations and tribes;

Whereas those who educate themselves about America's Constitution, apply for naturalization and pass the citizenship test have sacrificed their time, money, loyalty, and heart to becoming equal citizens;

Now, Therefore, I Joan Peck, Mayor, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the City Council of Longmont. do hereby proclaim September 17, 2022, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, and I invite all citizens of the community to celebrate the importance of our Constitution now and year round.