

2012 CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia established a Constitution for the new United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of risks associated with concentrated power, those delegates balanced authority among three separate but equal branches: the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial; and

WHEREAS, the Framers of our Constitution provided for individuals' ability to effect political change peacefully through our right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the addition of ten amendments constituting the Bill of Rights provided for limits on Federal power and afforded specific protective rights to citizens; and

WHEREAS, with ratification by the States, that Constitution became the basis for the government that shapes our Country today; and

WHEREAS, by joint resolution in 1952, Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day; and

WHEREAS, by joint resolution in 1956, Congress requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Constitutional amendments have strengthened the protections due all Americans, and helped address changing circumstances in a modern society; and

WHEREAS, that document drafted in 1787 has become the most enduring written Constitution in world history;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chaney, Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 17th through September 23rd, 2012 as

Constitution Week

in the City of Moscow and I encourage all citizens to reflect on the rights, responsibilities, and privileges that we enjoy as Americans; to act as informed voters; and to be thoughtfully and constructively engaged participants in this remarkable and dynamic experiment conceived by our Nation's Founders.



DATED this 6th day of August, 2012

Nancy Chaney
Nancy Chaney, Mayor