Fun Facts: Constitution Day – September 17

On February 29, 1952, Congress designated September 17 as Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. This day commemorates the signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787, and recognizes all American citizens.

Did you know that the census is written into the Constitution? That’s right! Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution prescribes that a count of the U.S. population be done every ten years. The next census will be conducted in the spring of 2020.

We the People

3,929,214
U.S. population in 1790

327,167,434
U.S. population in 2018

From Founder to President

Number of counties matching the last names of the founders of the Constitution who also served as U.S. presidents.

12—Adams
26—Jefferson
20—Madison
31—Washington

Collecting Taxes

- About $6.23—The amount of state and local government taxes collected per person in 1880.
- About $4,951—The amount of state and local government taxes collected per person in 2016.

Quartering of Soldiers

- About 217,000—the number of U.S. service members in the American Revolution between 1775-1783.
- Approximately 18 million—the number of veterans in the United States in 2017.

Freedom of Speech

- Approximately $6 billion—The total second quarter revenue of U.S. newspaper publishers in 2019*
- Approximately $6.6 billion—The total second quarter revenue of U.S. magazine (periodical) publishers in 2019*
- Approximately $9.6 billion—The total second quarter revenue of U.S. book and other publishers in 2019*

*Seasonally adjusted