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**California Leaders Gather Virtually to Celebrate U.S. Constitution Day**

*Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye*

*Joins Dignitaries in Livestream Reading Event*

Thursday, September 17, 2020, is U.S. Constitution Day. To mark that day, people from around California – ranging from federal judges to local high school students - will gather virtually to read the Constitution aloud. Over 100 people will participate in the reading, including students from Grant Union High School, in the Twin Rivers Unified School District, and Sheldon THEATREworks, Sheldon High School, in the Elk Grove Unified School District.

The U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, will host a livestream “Reading of the U.S. Constitution” at 10:00 a.m., to commemorate the anniversary of the original Constitution's signing. The reading also commemorates the anniversaries of the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments, ratified 150 and 100 years ago, respectively. The livestream can be viewed [HERE](#). Additional resources for Constitution Day can be found on the District Court’s website [HERE](#).

Other local scheduled readers include:

- Hon. Kimberly J. Mueller, Chief District Judge, Eastern District of California
- Hon. Russell Hom, Presiding Judge, Sacramento County Superior Court
- McGregor Scott, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of California
- Heather Williams, Federal Defender, Eastern District of California
- Hon. Gary K. Hart, California State Senator (Retired)
- David W. Gordon, Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools
- Kevin R. Johnson, Dean, UC Davis School of Law
- Michael Hunter Schwartz, Dean, McGeorge School of Law
- Ashutosh (Ash) Bhagwat, Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law, UC Davis School of Law
- Hon. Stacy Boulware Eurie, Judge, Sacramento County Superior Court
- Leslie Gielow Jacobs, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law
- Brian Soucek, Professor, UC Davis School of Law
- Jasmine Turner-Bond, President, The Wiley Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento
- Liz Olsen, President, Women Lawyers of Sacramento

The reading of the U.S. Constitution is expected to take roughly 90 minutes.

**Background:** U.S. Constitution Day, also known as Citizenship Day, is a day set aside to recognize the adoption of the U.S. Constitution and honor those who are citizens, and those who have become citizens of the United States. It is observed on September 17 – the day in which the constitution was adopted in 1787. If this holiday falls on a weekend, then it is normally observed by schools on an adjacent weekday.