

Office of the Mayor
Foley, Alabama
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America, signed on September 17, 1787, established the framework of our federal government and continues to secure the blessings of liberty through the enduring principles of representative government, separation of powers, checks and balances, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama holds a distinguished place in our nation's constitutional history, being the twenty-second state to ratify the Constitution, demonstrating an early commitment to the principles upon which our Republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, Constitution Week commemorates the signing of the Constitution and, in 2026, marks the two hundred thirty-ninth anniversary of this historic document, while honoring the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution initiated the observance of Constitution Week in 1955, leading to its official establishment by Congressional resolution and Presidential proclamation in 1956 under President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and continues to uphold this long standing tradition today; and

WHEREAS, the aims of Constitution Week are to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution, to inform the public that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life, and to encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in 1787; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915, as amended, requires the issuance of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week, inviting the people of the United States to observe it with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ralph G. Hellmich and the Foley City Council do hereby proclaim **September 17-23, 2026** as **Constitution Week** in the City of Foley, Alabama. All citizens are urged to study and reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution, to reflect upon the enduring importance of this remarkable document, and to reaffirm their commitment to the principles of liberty, justice, equality under the law, and the preservation of the freedoms and responsibilities of American citizenship.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand on this **3rd Day of August, 2026**

Attest: _____