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THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CELEBRATES CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY

The Preamble to the United States Constitution begins with a mandate that we all share a common purpose and obligation to work together in unity to create a better America, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day begins annually on September 17 and concludes on September 23. This federal recognition celebrates both the adoption of the United States Constitution and honors individuals who have become United States citizens.

Our Constitution is the foundation of our society, the cornerstone of our democracy, and the basis of our freedom. It establishes the obligations and duties of the United States government and its citizens. The principles set forth in the Constitution address the human conditions and concerns of the time and those that arise in the future. Within that constitutional framework it is the courts that apply the Constitution, protecting our rights and liberties, resolving conflicts and controversies, and ensuring due process of law.

Judges and lawyers in Lake County, like those across the nation, take an oath to uphold the United States Constitution. Each day the doors of the Lake County courts open with the mission of achieving justice for all with dignity and civility.

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court, along with the lawyers of Lake County, celebrate the United States Constitution and Citizenship Day for what they embody—life, liberty, freedom, prosperity, and the pursuit of happiness.

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