



815 E. Stonewood Drive  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85122  
August 12, 2018

The Honorable Jon Thompson, Mayor  
City of Coolidge  
130 W. Central Avenue  
Coolidge, AZ 85128

Dear Mayor Thompson,

Each year we, the Casa Grande Valley Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, bring Constitution Week to the people of the communities served by our county-wide chapter. As you may know, the first resolution to observe Constitution Week was made June 14, 1955. The resolution was adopted on July 23, 1956, signed into Public Law on August 2, 1956, and has since been celebrated annually the week of September 17-23.

Official recognition of this iconic document and its memorable anniversary is one way to commemorate the occasion. We are grateful that you have chosen to assist us in promoting the patriotic celebrations which commemorate this occasion with a proclamation in previous years.

It is our hope that you will create a proclamation again in 2018. Key points are:

- This year marks the two hundred and thirty-first anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention;
- Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America and the U. S. Department of Education directs all education institutions that receive federal dollars to offer students instruction on the U.S. Constitution each September 17;
- The Casa Grande Valley Chapter provides educational supplies to elementary schools and encourages all citizens to pause on September 17 and reflect on our unique heritage as Americans.

Our chapter appreciates your taking time to assure the City of Coolidge is among those nationwide who ask citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Merrilyn S. Ridgeway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Merrilyn S. Ridgeway, Regent  
520-421-1376  
merrilynridgeway@gmail.com