

# County of Santa Rosa

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** The history of Citizenship Day dates back to the summer of 1787 when delegates convened in Philadelphia to create and craft the constitution of the United States of America. They worked to develop a framework that would provide balance and freedom, taking into account federal and state interests, as well as individual human rights; and

**WHEREAS,** Our Constitution reflects the values we cherish as a people and the ideals we strive for as a society. It secures the privileges we enjoy as citizens, but also demands participation, responsibility, and service to our country and to one another. As we celebrate our Nation's strong and durable framework, we are reminded that our work is never truly done; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 29, 1952, President Harry Truman signed into law "Citizenship Day" that replaced "I am an American Day". On August 2, 1956, Congress requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as "Constitution Week". In December 2004 a federal law was enacted and designated September 17 as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day"; and

**WHEREAS,** Each year on Citizenship Day, we recognize our newest citizens whose journeys have been made possible by our founding documents and whose contributions have given meaning to our charter's simple words.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2016 as

### Citizenship Day

and encourage all citizens to reflect on the importance of active citizenship, recognize the enduring strength of our Constitution, and reaffirm our commitment to the rights and obligations of citizenship in this great Nation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, this 22nd day of September, 2016.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Lane Lynchard, Chairman