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DIRECTIVE:	JOB CORPS PROGRAM INSTRUCTION NO 10-07
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS  
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS  
ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS  
ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: Constitution Day 2010

1. Purpose. To inform the Job Corps community about the observance of Constitution Day on September 17, 2010, and to provide resources to engage students in instruction and/or activities that promote greater understanding of the U.S. Constitution.

2. Background. In 1939, William Randolph Hearst advocated, through his chain of daily newspapers, the creation of a holiday to celebrate citizenship. In 1954, President Truman moved the holiday to the date of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, September 17, and changed the name to Citizenship Day.

The holiday progressed through the years, and in December 2004, Senator Robert C. Byrd attached a provision to the Consolidated Appropriations, 2005 (Pub. L. 108-447). This provision changed the name of Citizenship Day to Constitution Day and mandated that educational institutions receiving federal funds must instruct students on the U.S. Constitution on September 17, or the following week, if September 17 falls on a weekend or holiday.

3. References. For resources that promote awareness and understanding of the U.S. Constitution, center staff and students should access the following information:

- *The National Constitution Center* – The National Constitution Center (NCC) provides a variety of games, podcasts, videos, print, and online resources appropriate for students of all ages, to help them gain in-depth knowledge of the Constitution and its relevance to every day life. Suggestions that centers can replicate may be downloaded, with all necessary handouts, from NCC's webpage [www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc). Select the link to *Education*, followed by *Educators/Classroom Resources*.

- *The National Archives* – Provides the “Charters of Freedom” website that offers an interactive Constitution at: [http://www.archives.gov/national\\_archives\\_experience/charters/constitution.html](http://www.archives.gov/national_archives_experience/charters/constitution.html). In addition, the National Archives has a nationwide network of research facilities, including presidential libraries. Information about the facilities (by region and state) can be located online at: <http://www.archives.gov/facilities/index.html>.
- *Study the Constitution* websites – Alternative learning formats that centers can use to educate students on the U.S. Constitution are as follows:
  - a. the National Constitution Channel on YouTube – [www.youtube.com/user/ConstitutionCenter](http://www.youtube.com/user/ConstitutionCenter)
  - b. Interactive Constitution – [www.ConstitutionCenter.org/Constitution](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org/Constitution)
  - c. Constitutional Timeline – [www.ConstitutionCenter.org/timeline](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org/timeline)
  - d. Constitution Fast Facts – [www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc\\_edu/The\\_Constitution\\_Fast\\_Facts.aspx](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc_edu/The_Constitution_Fast_Facts.aspx)
  - e. Perspectives on the Constitution – [www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc\\_edu/Perspectives\\_on\\_the\\_Constitution.aspx](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc_edu/Perspectives_on_the_Constitution.aspx)
  - f. Founding Fathers – [www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc\\_edu/Founding\\_Fathers.aspx](http://www.ConstitutionCenter.org/ncc_edu/Founding_Fathers.aspx)

4. Action. Job Corps centers are encouraged to provide a wide array of programming for their students.

Addressees are to ensure this Program Instruction is distributed to all appropriate staff.

5. Expiration Date. September 20, 2010.

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