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"Happily for America, happily we trust for the whole human race, [Americans] pursued a new and more noble course. They accomplished a revolution which has no parallel in the annals of human society." James Madison, Federalist No. 14.

Today marks the 226th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia in 1787. It is a good time to remind ourselves of the great opportunities and responsibilities we have been granted by this founding document that begins with the hallowed words: "We the People of the United States."

Have you read our Constitution?

America was founded on universal principles; these principles, that our Founders held, are true always and everywhere. Thus, our Constitution is truly unique. It's worth celebrating such a momentous transformation of government and the inspirational leaders who dedicated their lives to ensuring our future as a nation.

According to Anthony Peacock, author of The Heritage Foundation's *How to Read the Federalist Papers*, "No other country can claim to be built upon the self-evident truths of equality and God-given natural rights."

This afternoon bells will be ringing across America at 1 p.m., in all time zones, so that the sound of liberty can be heard from coast to coast. Take a few evenings this week to appreciate and better understand our Constitution and why it still matters 226 years later.

Most importantly, take action! Start a conversation with a friend, family member or even in a chance encounter with strangers you meet in the course of your day. Encourage them to learn more about why we celebrate our shared American heritage. Hillsdale College and many other organizations provide wonderful resources on our Constitution and other founding documents. We look forward to equipping our readers with this information in weeks and months to come!

The political, religious, and moral framework of founding started with the affirmation of enduring, and immutable human nature. but rational beings, the Founders concluded know the existence of human nature, and the mind's freedom not because we of any particular church or denomination because we are able as human beings reason's path to these first principles dictates are not opposed to those of the contrary, the vital truths of human affirmed by both reason and revelation.
-Dr. David J. Bobb, Director of the Hillsdale College

Be sure to check out *The U.S. Constitution: A Reader* composed by Hillsdale College. Divided into eleven sections with introductions by members of Hillsdale's Politics Department faculty, readings cover the American founding, Civil War, Progressivism,

and the rise of the administrative state.

We invite you to join Hillsdale College as together we **study the Constitution.**

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