



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Farley Notes September 17th Is U.S. Constitution Day

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As a former history teacher, Senator Farley notes today, September 17<sup>th</sup>, is U.S. Constitution Day.

On September 17, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution and sent copies to the state legislatures for ratification and to officially join the Union. On July 26, 1788, New York State was the 11th state to approve the Constitution.

"In fact, five days after the issuance of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, the people of New York met in convention in Kingston to vote their support and form their own state government," Senator Farley said. "New York adopted its first state constitution on April 20, 1777. After the adoption of the Federal Constitution, New York City was chosen to be the nation's first capital and was the site of the inauguration of George Washington as President on April 30, 1789."

Senator Farley has booklets of the U.S. Constitution and they are available by emailing [Farley@nysenate.gov](mailto:Farley@nysenate.gov), or by calling his offices at (518) 455-2181 (Albany), (518) 885-1829 (Ballston Spa) or (518) 762-3733 (Johnstown).