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## Fwd: Bill of Rights Day 2023 Original intent and wording

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December 7, 2023

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Happy Bill of Rights Day! Please accept this e-mail as I will be in Lake Tahoe working and this Item has no "Time Certain" on the Agenda. I will try my best to participate as I have done for the last 22 years. This event would not

I am disappointed that "substitution language" has happened AGAIN. I thought the Board had agreed in the last couple years to go back to the original wording of the proclamation document. Please include the attached WORD Document as the desired, original format and language of the El Dorado County Proclamation for December 15 , 2023 as Bill of Rights day. I have updated the document used for 17+ years to reflect the present date and year.

Please remember this tradition was begun in 2001 at my request using this original wording. It had nothing to do with President Roosevelt. He was simply in Office at the 150th Anniversary. As we were reminded on this Pearl Harbor Day, three months after this proclamation of our freedoms, he signed Executive Order 9066 that resulted in the unlawful internment (and denial of Rights guaranteed under the Bill of Rights) of 120,000+ United States citizens of Japanese descent. In another violation of the Bill of Rights, he signed the National Firearms Act stripping all US citizens of their Second Amendment rights in 1934. These are not the actions of someone we should celebrate for El Dorado County Bill of Rights Day! That was certainly NOT my design or desire back in 2001 when I requested this Proclamation. Let us return to this as a local celebration and Proclamation.

Finally, I am pleased that this was "automatically" scheduled as an Agenda Item without prompting by me or any other El Dorado County Resident. For many years (~2002-2014+/-) it was only Agendized by specific request. I'm glad this is now back on track for an "hands free" ongoing observance without paying tribute to a President who actively dismantled the Bill of Rights during his "Reign" (that resulted in Term Limits for Presidents). Please do not include him in the El Dorado County Bill Of Rights Day.

Thank you very much,

Ken Greenwood

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## THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AS RATIFIED BY THE STATES

The following text is a transcription of the first 10 amendments to the Constitution in their original form (spell check will stop on them, please ignore) . These amendments were ratified December 15 , 1791, and form what is known as the "Bill of Rights."

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CONGRESS of the UNITED STATES,

Begun and held at the City of New-York, on Wednesday , the Fourth of March, One Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-nine.

The Conventions of a Number of the States having at the Time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a Desire, in Order to prevent Misconstruction or Abuse of its Powers, that further declaratory and restrictive Clauses should be added: And as extending the Ground of public Confidence in the Government will best insure the beneficent Ends of its Institution, RESOLVED, by the Senate, and House of Representatives, of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, Two Thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following Articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as Amendments to the Constitution of the United States: All, or any of, which Articles, when ratified by Three-Fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all Intents and Purposes as Part of the said Constitution, viz.

ARTICLES in Addition to, and Amendment of, the Constitution of the United States of America, proposed by Congress, and ratified by the Legislatures of the several States, pursuant to the Fifth Article of the original Constitution.

#### Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

#### Amendment II

A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

#### Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

#### Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

#### Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against

himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

#### Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

#### Amendment VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

#### Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

#### Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

#### Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.



**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Commemorating December 15, 2023 as  
Bill of Rights Day in El Dorado County**

**BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**

*Whereas, the First Ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, were ratified on December 15, 1791; and,*

*Whereas, the Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms and protects fundamental human and civil rights for which persons of all races have struggled for thousands of years; and,*

*Whereas, to preserve the rights and freedoms secured by the Bill of Rights, our forefathers, and hundreds of thousands of men and women serving in the public safety agencies and in the Armed Forces of the United States, have sacrificed, suffered and died; and,*

*Whereas, the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights deserve perennial celebrations; the sacrifices made to protect the Bill of Rights deserve eternal remembrance; and,*

*Whereas, to commemorate the Bill of Rights with a special day honors the fundamental rights it enshrines and the sacrifices made to create and preserve these rights, and would proclaim these rights to the citizens of the County, to this Nation, and to the World; and,*

*Now therefore be it resolved, that December 15, 2001, began the ongoing commemoration of Bill of Rights Day in the County of El Dorado, and each December 15<sup>th</sup> thereafter shall, at the request of its citizens, be designated Bill of Rights Day in the County of El Dorado; and,*

*Therefore be it further resolved, that a copy of the Bill of Rights has been and will continue to be conspicuously posted at the Board of Supervisors' office and be provided to all citizens upon request; and,*

*Therefore be it further resolved, that all government agencies be encouraged to observe the annual Bill of Rights Day in a manner that brings to mind the meaning and importance of each of the Ten Articles contained in that Bill.*

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, by the following vote of said Board:*

**Attest:**

**Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
by

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Deputy Clerk

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors