



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Celebrates Constitution Day

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Hello, everyone. Congressman Tom Emmer here in our nation's capital on Constitution Day. Ready to speak to you a little about the important meaning that this day holds and what it means for me personally. On this very day, 230 years ago, 39 delegates signed the United States Constitution, officially forming a more perfect union. These individuals hailed from different states, held different professions, and were from all walks of life. But despite their differences, they all had one big thing in common. They strongly believed in the document they were signing and what it would mean for the future of the nation they fought so hard to build. This document was the first of its kind, laying out the framework for what would eventually become the greatest nation the world has ever seen. The Constitution is the most meaningful document in every single American citizen's life. Today, we celebrate the Constitution because it exemplifies why we are all so fortunate to be Americans. Calvin Coolidge once summed it up perfectly, saying, To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege that was ever accorded to the human race. I couldn't agree more. Under the United States Constitution, the power of government is placed primarily in the hands of the people. The Constitution dictates that it's citizens, not a king or a tyrant, who determine the fate of our great nation and the direction in which we head. And it equally divides power between the branches of our government so that no one person or group can ever wield too much power. As Congressman of Minnesota's 6th Congressional District, our Constitution holds great meaning for me personally. Unfortunately, throughout the history of our great nation, we have often seen the Constitution come under attack. Oftentimes, this is through the executive branch exerting too much power. Sometimes, it's due to many of the major agencies of government being controlled by unelected bureaucrats who remain largely unaccountable to the American people, yet exercise more power than the elected officials in the House and the Senate. When I came to Congress, I placed my hand on the Bible and swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. That's why, through my work in Congress, I promised to reinforce the system of checks and balances. I promised to help restore limited government with the majority of our power being held by individual states, not the federal government. I promised to bring transparency and accountability back to our government. And I promised to defend the rights and liberties this founding document has granted to us all. Because that's what our founding fathers and the framers of our Constitution intended. Serving you all here in Congress and upholding the United States Constitution has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Thank you for the opportunity, and thank you for listening. Happy Constitution Day!

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