

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 15, 2016 AS BILL OF RIGHTS DAY.**

**WHEREAS**, December 15, 2016 is the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution known as the Bill of Rights;

**WHEREAS**, this day commemorates the approval by the eleventh State, being the Commonwealth of Virginia, on December 15, 1791 of the Bill of Rights satisfying the approval requirement of three-fourths of the states, there being 14 states in the Union at the time;

**WHEREAS** The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, organized on October 11, 1890, and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized on April 30, 1889 share the following goals:

1. To commemorate and provide memorials for people and events of the American Revolution,
2. To preserve records relating to the events leading up to and during the American Revolution and the framing of our current form of government,
3. To support research and presentations related to the history and people of the Period 1750 - 1800, and
4. To inform and educate the community about events and the history of the American Revolution and the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the Bill of Rights is a list of limits on Government power which the founders saw as a natural right of individuals, and defines citizens' rights in relation to the newly established government under the constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Bill of Rights builds on the Magna Carta in 1215 and the 1689 English Bill of Rights;

**WHEREAS**, the First Congress of the United States in 1789 requested James Madison of Virginia to draft the proposal which would later become the Bill of Rights, and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, State of Colorado, calls upon all citizens of Douglas County and upon all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016 as Bill of Rights Day.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13th day of December, 2016 in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

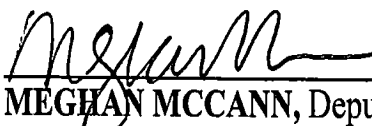
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BY:

  
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DAVID A. WEAVER, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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MEGHAN MCCANN, Deputy Clerk

