


Remembering Our History

Every year on **December 15th**, we celebrate [Bill of Rights Day](#). The Bill of Rights is important not only in the freedoms it protects but in its demonstration of America's enduring commitment to self-improvement and striving to continuously form a more perfect union.

Three-fourths of the existing state legislatures ratified the first **10** Amendments of the Constitution on **December 15, 1791**. Since then, **17** additional Amendments have been ratified for a total of **27** Amendments to the Constitution.

 **Did You Know?** The Constitution might never have been ratified if the framers had not promised to add a Bill of Rights, according to the National Archives. The first **10** amendments to the Constitution gave citizens more confidence in the new government and contain many of today's Americans most valued freedoms.

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