



## CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2005

### Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States was written in 1787 and ratified in 1789;

WHEREAS, the Constitution contains the first Ten Amendments known as the Bill of Rights and guarantees to its citizens the liberties and inalienable rights which the government may not infringe upon;

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia ratified the Constitution on June 25, 1788;

WHEREAS, Public Law 108-447, which established September 17<sup>th</sup> as Constitution Day requests a day of celebration at all colleges and universities in the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Dr. James B. McNeer, President of Richard Bland College, proclaim Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, Friday, September 16, 2005 at Richard Bland College. And I further encourage all citizens to celebrate National Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on Saturday, September 17, 2005 to honor the signing of the United States Constitution.