

# Liberty Day's

# *Celebration America*

## Constitution Celebrations

*Celebrating American Liberty from Sea to Shining Sea*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Liberty Day's *Celebration America* program is the organization's premier program for youth educating youth, and as far as we know, there is no other in the entire nation like it! Our *Celebration America Student-Teacher program* presents college and high school students with the unique, hands-on opportunity to educate 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes on the United States Constitution.

In December of 2004, Congress passed a provision that all schools receiving federal funds hold an educational program about the U.S. Constitution on Constitution Day (September 17th), the day the Constitution was signed by the Founding Fathers in Philadelphia in 1787.

On March 16, 1751, James Madison, most commonly known as the Father of Our Constitution, was born. The U.S. Constitution is very much his brainchild, and his birthday has since become known as Liberty Day, a day in celebration of the work of our nation's fourth President.

*Celebration America* is Liberty Day's way of helping schools and universities to fulfill the Constitution Day requirement and celebrate Madison's birthday by educating youth about the Constitution in a fun, exciting, and interactive way different from the normal classroom setting.

With help from Liberty Day's *Student-Teacher Guide*, which provides student volunteers with the knowledge and tools required to effectively teach the material, volunteers teach 5th graders about the constitutional basics that will instill in them a fundamental understanding of the foundations of the United States, including the three branches of government and the Bill of Rights.

Through *Liberty Day's Celebration America Student-Teacher program*, students have the chance to truly make a difference in the lives of the kids they teach. The mere fact that a teenager or young adult is taking the time to talk about their system of government and rights and freedoms as Americans will truly have an impact unlike anything else. The program helps them become a better advocate and teacher of ideas, thereby improving their ability to interact with children while still having a lasting impact on the children's future.