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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