

Citizens of Nevada County Say:

“Preserve our Constitutional Freedoms Now!” at Downtown Rally

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Nevada City- On Saturday, December 15, concerned citizens of Nevada County will hold a Bill of Rights Day rally and march to defend Constitutional rights, even in time of war and crisis. The rally will take place at noon in Calanan Park, at Broad Street and Union, in downtown Nevada City.

Sponsored by the Coalition for Our Constitution, the public event will include speakers, music, and an open mike. After the rally, participants will march up and down Broad Street handing out copies of the Bill of Rights.

Rally speakers include Nevada City Mayor Kerry Arnett, Kent Smith of the Green Party, Lance Brown of the Libertarian Party, Miles Everett of the Democratic Party, and Nevada City resident Stacey Swimme. Freedom-oriented music will also be featured.

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last month in favor of a “Bill of Rights Day in Nevada County” on December 15th. More recently, the Nevada City Council unanimously approved a similar proclamation, with extra wording stating, "it is critical that our Constitutional liberties and freedoms be upheld and strongly supported, even in times of threat and crisis."

"Our precious liberties are too fundamental to our American system to give up, even in the name of increased security," said event coordinator Kent Smith. "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

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Smith added, "I'm concerned when any of my freedoms are restricted, even by the President of the United States. Especially by the President of the United States."

Lance Brown, Chair of the Nevada County Libertarian Party and co-organizer of the rally, said, "The Bill of Rights is a list of limits that government must operate within, in order to preserve the most basic freedoms of Americans. The founding fathers did not intend for the government to take away our freedoms in the interest of ‘increased security.’ The wording of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights make it very clear that the founding fathers didn’t think that there should be exceptions made when preserving our freedoms. The amendments were intended to permanently ban our government from crossing certain lines.”

The rally and walk are free and open to all participants.

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