

# **Congratulations on the Constitution Day of Ukraine!**

Constitution Day is a national holiday in many countries of the world. Ukrainians celebrate the day of the Main Law of Ukraine on June, 28.

Our country has a long history of constitutional process. The famous Constitution of Ukrainian Hetman Pylyp Orlyk was published in the early 18th century – in 1710. According to historians, this Constitution became one of the first European constitutions of modern times. However, the Constitution written by Pylyp Orlyk, was not adopted.

The modern history of the Constitution of Ukraine began on June 28, 1996. The adoption of the Constitution established the legal foundations of an independent Ukraine, its sovereignty and territorial integrity. It became an important step in ensuring human and civil rights, and contributed to the establishment of Ukraine as an independent state and a full-fledged subject of international legal relations.

## Interesting facts about the Constitution of Ukraine

- Each President of Ukraine takes an oath of allegiance to the people, putting his hand on the Constitution and on the the Peresopnytsia Gospel.
- During 1990-1996, 15 drafts of the Constitution of Ukraine were proposed by the Constitutional Commission, political parties and scientists.
- The international community welcomed the adoption of the Constitution of Ukraine and recognized it as one of the most democratic in the world.
- In 2011, the first miniature Constitution of Ukraine was presented – a 2x3 cm book. It has 160 pages, and each letter is no more than 1 mm. The book weighs only 15 g. The miniature contained only a tenth of the original text. Ihor Stepanov, the author, a graphic artist spent about two months creating it.
- In 2019, the electronic Constitution of Ukraine for children in the form of comics appeared on the Internet. The authors of the Constitution in comics are the Kapranov brothers, and the painter is Olexander Kostenko.