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September 11-17, 2011 Patriot Week in Macomb County; Board, Court & Clerk Offer Informational Tour

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — The Macomb County Board of Commissioners has proclaimed September 11-17, 2011 Patriot Week in Macomb County, and is offering a special opportunity for the public to learn more about its operations, as well as those of the Circuit Court and Clerk/Register of Deeds Office through a special tour on September 16, 2011.

Patriot Week has been celebrated at state and county levels since 2009, and began with a conversation between local Judge Michael Warren and his daughter about how commercialism diminishes the meaning of many national holidays. The two conceptualized the non-partisan, week-long event commemorating the nation's founding principles and historical figures such as the Founding Fathers. The holiday, which is gaining popularity across the country, begins this year on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, and ends on September 17, the day the United States Constitution was signed.

"It is important to be reminded of the principles our nation was founded upon," said Board of Commissioners Chair Kathy D. Vosburg about Patriot Week. "I hope residents get involved in some way, whether it is organizing an event in their own community, or attending activities sponsored throughout the county."

County officials offer the following opportunities to mark the holiday:

- Macomb County Board of Commissioners Chair Kathy D. Vosburg, the Office of Clerk/Register of Deeds Carmella Sabaugh, and Circuit Court Judge David Viviano will be offering an informational tour to the public from 9 a.m. to noon September 16. (Pre-register by September 12).
- The Board of Commissioners is encouraging constituents to attend its Finance Committee meeting at 9 a.m., September 13 and the Full Board meeting at 7 p.m., September 15 to see county government in action.
- Suggestions on how to participate or celebrate locally can also be found through the scrolling banner on the Board of Commissioners' Web page at www.MacombBOC.com.

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A proclamation passed by the Board dedicates each day of the week to one of the nation's founding principles: September 11, first principle of revolution; September 12, the first principle of rule of law; September 13, the first principle of social compact; September 14, first principle of equality-gender; September 15, first principle of equality-race; September 16, first principle of unalienable rights; and September 17, the first principle of limited government.

"I am honored to recognize the contributions of our Founders by participating in Patriot Week. We, as citizens of this great country, share in a cultural heritage, and benefit from certain revolutionary political principles that all can be traced to the founding of our country," said Circuit Court Judge David Viviano. "Only by understanding our history and these important principles can we safeguard our liberty for future generations."

Vosburg, Viviano and Sabaugh hope the opportunity is not only informative, but gives people a deeper appreciation for how the county mirrors the ideals our nation was founded upon.

"The clerk's office is where patriots can see the preservation of our constitutional rights and how government of the people, by the people and for the people works for all of us," said Macomb County Clerk/Register of Deeds Carmella Sabaugh. "The right to a trial by one's peers, the right to bear arms, the protection of property rights, the right to vote, the freedom of information, and more, are all practiced daily for our citizens by our hard-working county clerk staff."

For more information on the history of Patriot Week or suggestions on how you can organize an event in your community, visit www.PatriotWeek.org.

Pre-registration for the September 16 tour is required by 5 p.m. September 12. Register by calling the Board of Commissioners office at (586) 469-5125.

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