



CONSTITUTION FACT SHEET

JULY 4, 1776 — United States Declaration of Independence

DECEMBER 17, 1776 — State Declaration of Rights

DECEMBER 18, 1776 — North Carolina's first Constitution ratified

SEPTEMBER 17, 1787 — Federal Constitution proposed

JULY 21 - AUGUST 4, 1788 — North Carolina's first Constitutional Convention
(no ratification because no bill of rights)

SEPTEMBER 25, 1789 — Bill of Rights proposed

NOVEMBER 1789 — North Carolina ratified U.S. Constitution

NOVEMBER 21, 1789 — North Carolina became 12th state of the United States
of America

DECEMBER 1789 — North Carolina ratified U.S. Bill of Rights

DECEMBER 15, 1791 — Federal Bill of Rights ratified (Articles 3 to 12)

MAY 20, 1861 — North Carolina seceded from the Union

DECEMBER 6, 1865 — 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified
(abolition of slavery)

APRIL 23, 1868 — North Carolina's 1868 Constitution adopted by popular vote

JULY 4, 1868 — North Carolina is readmitted to the Union

FEBRUARY 3, 1870 — 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified
(ensuring the African-American right to vote)

AUGUST 18, 1920 — 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified
(ensuring women the right to vote)

NOVEMBER 3, 1970 — North Carolina's 1971 Constitution adopted by popular vote