

# CIVICS *Fundamentals*

## with Judge Douglas Ginsburg

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### States Proclaim October As Civics Awareness Month

*izzit.org organizes a multi-state focus to battle dismal civics education crisis in the U.S.*

ERIE, PA (September 22, 2021) – Governors from five states have signaled a determination to bring civics to the forefront of education in their schools by designating October as Civics Awareness Month.

Initiated by Dean Graziano, VP of Education at [izzit.org](http://izzit.org), the online educator resource, proclamations have been activated in New Hampshire, Texas, Georgia, Missouri, and Arkansas. The proclamations acknowledge the importance of civics education and set aside October for the study of U.S. history, government systems, political processes, citizenship, and civic duty.

“Scores on civics testing are not good in the U.S. It is our hope that Civics Awareness Month will help galvanize the Department of Education in each state to emphasize civics education in middle and high schools,” said Graziano. “We expect other states will join us in making civics education a priority.”

The proclamation, which is similar for each state, reads:

**WHEREAS**, Student knowledge of civics is imperative to know what government is, how it works, the principles upon which it was founded, how it affects your life, and how one can influence or change it; and

**WHEREAS**, Study of the history, workings, influence, organization, and evolution of US political thought, governmental systems, and political processes is the very core of citizenship and civic duty; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of civics awareness in Texas, is to inform students of the true American experiment: our system of limited government and its checks and balances were designed to promote self-government. It all starts with the individual; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas remains committed to have students be knowledgeable of the key points of U.S history and civics and izzit now time to remain frontrunners; and

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**WHEREAS**, it is important to embolden ALL Texas students, educators, parents/guardians to participate fully with Civics awareness, so they remain cognizant and learned,

NOW, therefore..... the month of October 2021, as Civics Awareness Month in Texas.

Graziano, who petitioned the states to take a stronger interest in students' civics education, hopes teachers, homeschoolers, parents, grandparents, and group leaders will plan lessons, activities and even start talking around the dinner table about U.S. history, local and national government, citizenship and civic duty during the month of October.

“According to the National Association of State Boards of Education, the more teens are exposed to a strong civics education, the more likely they will be engaged in community service and vote in elections,” said Graziano. “We need future generations to be informed, engaged and voting for our government to survive.”

Graziano also said izzit.org will be celebrating Civics Awareness Month with several new product announcements, including video-focused series and teaching units, Teacher Guides with civics lesson plans and Professional Development opportunities.

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