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**Secretary of State Ben Ysursa
Announces Citizenship Education Website
for Students and Teachers**

Today, Constitution Day, Ben Ysursa, Secretary of State, announced the availability of a new citizenship education website for students and teachers.

The website is called "Student and Teacher Resources and Services".

The Student and Teacher Resources and Services website is designed to encourage young people to become active and informed voters. For teachers, an extensive list of resources as well as links to state and national resources are provided to assist in presenting citizenship education in the classroom.

The site can be accessed directly at: <http://www.sos.idaho.gov/Civics/civics.htm>, or from a link on the Secretary of State's main website at: <http://www.sos.idaho.gov/>, or from a link on idahovotes.gov.

The website presents registration requirements, ballot marking demonstrations and explains how students 17 years of age and older can get involved in the actual election process on Election Day.

Secretary Ysursa said: "On this Constitution Day, it is appropriate to remember that young voters are the future of Democracy. The number of young voters increased in Idaho in 2006 and the 2008 election is a significant opportunity to encourage even more young people to actively participate in our democracy. The citizenship website can help instill an appreciation of the importance of the right to vote and we hope will become a practical resource for busy teachers committed to the importance of civic education."

Secretary Ysursa and his staff will provide a demonstration and answer questions at 10:00 AM Monday, September 17, 2007, in the upstairs conference room, room 239, 2nd floor of the Borah Building, 304 N. 8th Street, Boise.