

## **State Constitution**

ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 31, 1783 TO TAKE  
EFFECT JUNE 2, 1784 AS SUBSEQUENTLY  
AMENDED AND IN FORCE DECEMBER 1990

### **PART FIRST- BILL OF RIGHTS**

#### **Article**

**[Art.] 8. [Accountability of Magistrates and Officers; Public's Right to Know.]** All power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them. Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive. To that end, the public's right of access to governmental proceedings and records shall not be unreasonably restricted.

*June 2, 1784*

*Amended 1976 by providing right of access to governmental proceedings and records.*