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## **Taunton To Celebrate the Liberty and Union flag with Liberty & Union Weekend**

*Festivities are October 15-16 Downtown and on Church Green*

**[Taunton, MA]**– Liberty and Union Weekend is an annual celebration of the unique role that the City of Taunton played in our nation’s founding. The Weekend is held each fall to commemorate the events of October 1774, when Taunton became the first community in the American colonies to raise a flag – the “Liberty and Union” flag – in opposition to British rule.

Festivities begin Friday, October 15 with the Liberty Libations Pub Crawl throughout Downtown restaurants organized by the Downtown Taunton Foundation. There are 7 stops on the tour, and anyone 21+ can join for as many as they like. Pub Crawl is \$5 per person which includes some light refreshments at Trescott Street Gallery & Real Art Studios AND your raffle tickets for the night. Raffle tickets? That’s right, we pull a winner at each stop for one of our super cool, beverage-themed raffle baskets (must be present to win). You can also order a one-of-a-kind Pub Crawl t-shirt ahead of the event for \$10. The night begins at Trescott Street Gallery at 5:30 p.m.

The next day, Saturday October 16, the Liberty and Union Festival will take place on Church Green, at and around the Old Colony History Museum. A free walking tour of historic downtown Taunton leaves from the museum at 11 a.m. There will be a wreath-laying at the Robert Treat Paine statue at 11:30, and then a ceremonial flag raising of the Liberty & Union flag at 12 noon. Immediately following the flag raising, the festival kicks off with historic demonstrations, live music, food trucks, and beer garden featuring Berkley Beer, a vendor fair, and activities with local community partners all through 4 p.m.

Any community partners who are interested in having an activity table or local craft vendors who make handmade, one-of-a-kind items are invited to join us! Just call the museum at 508-822-1622 and we’d like to talk more about the event.

More information, including the full schedule of Liberty and Union Weekend events, that is constantly being updated, is available online at [www.libertyandunion.org](http://www.libertyandunion.org). Stay tuned and we hope to see you then!

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