

# Famous Virginians

**George Washington**, a Virginian, was elected as the first President of the United States. He provided the strong leadership needed to help the young country and he provided a model of leadership for future leaders. Washington served two terms as President but refused to run for a third term. His decision set an example; today, the Constitution limits Presidents to two four-year terms. Due to his strong leadership and his model of leadership for future presidents, we call him the "Father of Our Country."

**James Madison**, a Virginian, believed in the importance of having a United States constitution. He kept detailed notes during the Constitutional Convention. His skills at compromise helped delegates reach agreement during the difficult process of writing the Constitution of the United States of America. Due to his detailed notes and his skills at compromising, we call him the "Father of the Constitution."