Inauguration Day

The president beginning a new term of office take the oath at around noon on Inauguration Day. The oath can be found in Article II, Section I of the U.S. Constitution, and is as follows:

> "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Why do you think that the president has to take an oath? Why is the oath important?

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