Статья посвящена современной практике реализации норм Конституции Республики Марий Эл. Автором отмечается, что на сегодняшний день основная задача состоит в выработке механизмов обеспечения реализации Конституции Республики Марий Эл, то есть перевода конституционных предписаний в плоскость практической и правоприменительной деятельности. В статье проведен анализ конкретных решений Конституционного суда Республики Марий Эл, сделаны определенные выводы о реализации в повседневной жизни буквы и духа Конституции республики.

**Ключевые слова**: конституция, конституционный суд, реализация конституции, конституционный контроль.

The article is devoted to the modern practice of implementation of the norms of the Constitution of the Republic of Mari El. The author notes that to date, the main task is to develop mechanisms to ensure implementation of the Constitution of the Republic of Mari El, ie the translation of constitutional provisions into practical and enforcement. The bodies of state power of the republic, local governments, and citizens contributing to the protection of the Constitution of the Republic of Mari El. However, the important and the most effective means of implementation and legal protection of the Constitution is the judicial constitutional control that is carried out in the country specially created for this purpose the court by a public authority – the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Mari El. The article analyzes the specific decisions of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Mari El and concludes that the protection of the Constitution, and most importantly implementation into everyday life of its regulations, not only the letter of the Constitution, but also its spirit – a common task not only of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Mari El but also public authorities and local self-government, every citizen of the republic.

Key words: Constitution, the Constitutional Court, the implementation of the Constitution, the constitutional review.