

A Lasting Brief

More than 200 years ago, out of necessity to stop the King of Great Britain's atrocities against the colonists, our Founding Fathers meticulously crafted and enacted our first written law, the Declaration of Independence; precisely declaring and preserving a world-class specification of Freedom. Our original portrait of Freedom parades in their morality, wisdom, sincerity, forethought, and precision. On this canvas, their showcase of precise words captures the advancement of "**Soul's Essence**". Each phrase prevents deceptive or vague interpretation (manipulation or exploitation). They understood the ramifications of any miscommunication. Its words, masked in simplicity, go unnoticed.

Their only solution then available was a courtroom with "*God*" as Judge and "*Morality and Reason*" as Jury to impartially arbitrate a dispute between the Colonies and the King for his abuses. The title is perfect – "The Declaration of Independence". A *declaration* is a legal document.

LAW unsworn but solemn evidence: a formal statement of facts that is allowed in a legal case in place of a statement made under oath

LAW plaintiff's official written claim: a formal document in which a plaintiff lays out precise details of the circumstances leading to the legal action being taken

It officially transmitted to the rest of the world and especially to the King that he had pushed beyond our tolerance for abuse. We officially severed all ties with Great Britain. We rejected his reign; we became *independent*:

Not controlled by another: free from the authority, control, or domination of somebody or something else, especially not controlled by another state or organization and able to self-govern

Able to function by itself: able to operate or stand on its own because not dependent on another

Self-supporting: not forced to rely on another for money or support

Showing confidence in self: capable of thinking or acting without consultation with or guidance from others

Done without obstruction: carried out or operating without interference or influence from interested parties

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Excerpts from the Declaration of Independence:

Action of Second Continental Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America

“WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation.”

“WE hold these Truths to be self-evident,

that all Men are created equal,

that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,

that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness -

that to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men,

deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed,

that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends,

it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

“WE, therefore, the Representatives of the united States Of America, In general Congress, assembled,

appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions,

do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare,

That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, free and independent States;

that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved;

and that as free and independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which independent States may of right do.

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.”

“Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the states present the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven and of the independence of the United States of America the twelfth.”

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The Declaration of Independence is the “*Action of Second Continental Congress, July 4, 1776*”. The signatures of the Representatives of the 13 organized Colonies in America at that time formalized our first written law.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence formally documented that “*We*”, the Sovereign, authorize, define, and completely control a government whose sole function is to secure our unlimited Rights. It contains no form of government, only a recorded common “vision” to secure Freedom.

“and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

Bought with our ancestors’ bloodshed, advancement of species, spiritual evolution is its message. Two simple words, “*all Men*”, highlight our founders’ expansive vision was a worldwide specification for all of humanity.