

I know, and so do you, people who can wave the American flag right over your head who do plenty other things that make self-government hard to maintain in truth.

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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 solemn appeal is made to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of their intentions.

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. Prudence in the second instance, shall not oblige us to abandon the former, until the new Government shall have been so established as to have a fair chance of success. And a prudent people will not throw away the liberties of their forefathers, until they have seen no other remedy.

Now in the first place, we consider these United States have become destructive of the ends for which they were instituted, and have, therefore, a right to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with Great Britain, 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.

We have accordingly declared our independence, and have assumed the sole and exclusive right of legislation, executive, and judiciary, in all cases not prohibited to the States, and reserved to the People.

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A Re-dedication...

A Re-dedication of the Declaration of Independence, to all those sacred principles set-forth within its meaningful phrases by the men who were inspired to become its creators. Duly signed in a re-avowal of faith and devotion, by public spirited members of this American community's own Legion of Modern John Hancocks... this Re-dedication takes its place among those documents which tell the story of this nation's birth and steadfast adherence to a way of life that means freedom for all...

(Signatures of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence)

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John Adams
Thomas Jefferson
James Wilson
Benjamin Franklin
George Mason
Patrick Henry
Richard Henry Lee
George Rogers Clark
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