

Section	1776	Modern Day
Declaration of Freedom / Independence / War	<p>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;</p>	<p>All who have signed this Declaration promise to support our independence with our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>We declare ourselves independent from Great Britain.</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>We are no longer associated with the king or Parliament and no longer recognize their authority over us. We are a new nation and have all the rights as an independent nation.</p>