



DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
1776



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.

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DECLARATION

That the United States, in Congress assembled, do hereby declare that the thirteen united Colonies are free, sovereign and independent States, absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connections between them and the said Kingdom of Great Britain are hereby totally dissolved.

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That the Prince of Wales, who claims the title of King of Great Britain, and of the Colonies, is, in consequence of the said Declaration, no longer to be regarded as King of Great Britain, or of the Colonies, or as having any authority over them.

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