

## ~Reclamation of Independence~

**WHEN** in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for the People of a Nation conceived in Liberty to Reclaim and Restore that Liberty which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, it is only fitting and proper that they set forth the causes which impel them to such a Reclamation.

**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, the People of a Free society have instituted a form of Government which derives its just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, and that when such Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right and Duty of the People to alter or abolish it and to reestablish those Liberties that have been wrongly seized or destroyed by Government.

**WE the People seek no new Rights from Government**, but merely to Reclaim those Rights and Liberties that all Men in a Free society naturally possess, and which cannot lawfully be taken away, excepting where that society has ceased to be Free. Just as the ordered farmland of our Founding Forefathers was, from time to time, needed by them to be Reclaimed from an ever-encroaching wilderness, so too must we today Reclaim our ordered Liberty from the Despotic menace of an ever-encroaching Government.

**WE have neither asked for**, nor do we now relish a Confrontation with Government that has been foisted upon us by Government. But neither do we shrink nor shy away from any just and necessary Struggle to Reclaim and Restore that Liberty which, through a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, Government has evidenced a Design to diminish, and thereby subject us to the whims of Despotism. If in our speech we seem immoderate and in our argument defiant, then so be it! We shall moderate our speech and mitigate our argument only when such Abuses and Usurpations as have been visited upon us by Government surcease, and not before!

**WE, therefore**, and in support of this Reclamation, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Signed this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_:

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