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We Hold These Truths

The Global Quest for Liberty

And the Promise of America's Declaration of Independence

With Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg

IN 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 declare the political bonds 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 other Principles and organizing its Powers in such form, as shall seem most likely to promote their Safety and Happiness. Prudence in such a case will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly we have recourse to this remedy only in the most extreme and desperate stages of the malady. In the most solemn manner, we declare that we have dissolved all political connections with Great Britain, and that we are free, and independent States, absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all future attempts by the King to invade our borders or to bring injury to our Colonies, shall be regarded as entirely unprovoked. We have therefore, solemnly proclaimed our independence, and we have, in the most solemn manner, declared that we are free, and independent States, absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all future attempts by the King to invade our borders or to bring injury to our Colonies, shall be regarded as entirely unprovoked.

In ***We Hold These Truths***, Federal Judge Douglas Ginsburg explores the worldwide influence of America's Declaration of Independence. This promissory note for liberty inspired more than 100 nations seeking their independence. In the United States, it influenced the abolitionist movement, the Women's Suffrage movement, and iconic civil rights figures Frederick Douglass and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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