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In Congress, July 4, 1776	I Samlag, 4 juli 1776	Eduskunnassa, neljännellä maaliskuuta, vuonna 1776	En Congrès, 4 juli 1776	En Congreso, 4 juli 1776
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, —	Den enige Förklaringen av de tretton Amerikas Förenta Stater,	Yksimielinen julistus kolmestatoista Amerikan yhdistetystä vallasta,	—	—
When in the Course of human events,	När i gången av mänskliga händelser,	Koska inhimillisten tapahtumisten käymisessä,	Lorsqu'en train des événements humains,	—
it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another,	det bliver nödvändigt av ett folk att skilja de politiska band, vilka hava förbindat dem med ett annat,	tulee tarpeelliseksi yhden kansan purkaa niitä poliittisia siteitä, jotka ovat sitoneet heidän toiseen,	—	—
and to assume among the powers of the earth,	och att antaga ibland jordens makter,	ja ottaa vastaan maan valtien seassa,	—	—
the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them,	den särskilda och lika stationen till vilken Naturens och Naturens Guds Lag berättiga dem,	erillistä ja kaltaista sijaa johon luonnon laki ja luonnon Jumalan laki oikeuttavat heidän,	—	—
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,	Vi hålla desse sanningar att vara själv-klare,	Pidetään näitä totuuksia itses-tään selvinä,	—
that all men are created equal,	att alla människor äro skapade li-ka,	että kaikki ihmiset on luotu kal-taisiksi,	—
that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,	att de äro förlänade av sin Ska-pare med visse oförytterlige rät-tigheter,	että heidän on annettu Luojal-taan eräitä siirtämättömiä oi-keuksia,	—
that among these are Life, Lib-erty and the pursuit of Happi-ness.	att ibland desse äro Liv, Frihet, och Lyckans eftersträvande	että näiden seassa on elämä, va-paus, ja pyrkeminen Onnellisuu-teen.	—
—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men,	—På det för att försäkra desse rättigheter äro Regeringar stifta-de ibland Människor,	—Että varmistaa näitä oikeuk-sia, on Hallituksia perustettu ih-misten seassa,	—
deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,	åstadkommande sine rättvi-se makter från de Regerades myndighet,	—	—
—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destruc-tive of these ends,	—På det att när som helst någon Form av Regering bliver förstö-rande av dessa ändamål,	—Että koska ikänä mikään Halli-tuksen muoto tulee hävittämään näitä syitä,	—
it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it,	så är det Folkets Rätt att föränd-ra eller avskaffa den,	—	—
and to institute new Govern-ment,	och at inrätta ny Regering,	—	—
laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form,	laggande dess grund på såda-ne principer och ordnande dess makter i sådan form,		
as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happi-ness.	som till dem skall tyckas sannolikast åstadkomma sin Trygghet och Lycka.		

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes;	Forsiktighet, i sanningen, vill beordra att Regeringar länge inrättade icke skulle ändras för lätta ock flyktiga mål	—	—	—
and accordingly all experience hath shewn,	och i enighet därmed har all erfarenhet bevisat,	—	—	—
that mankind are more disposed to suffer,	att människor äro vanare att lida,	—	—	—
while evils are sufferable,	så länge onda ting äro liderliga,	—	—	—
than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.	än att rätta sig genom att avskaffa de former vid vilka de hava blivit vana	—	—	—
But when a long train of abuses and usurpations,	Men då ett långt tåg missbruk ock tillskansande,	—	—	—
pursuing invariably the same Object	eftersträvande allesammans samma målet	—	—	—
evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism,	ådagalaggar en komplott att underkasta dem till absolut despotism,	—	—	—
it is their right,	så är det deras rätt,	—	—	—
it is their duty,	så är det deras plikt,	—	—	—
to throw off such Government,	att avkasta sådan Regering,	—	—	—
and to provide new Guards for their future security.	och att förse nye Åtgärder till sin framtide säkerhet.	—	—	—
—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies;	Sådan har varit desse koloniers långmodige lidelse;	—	—	—
and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government.	och sådan är nu nödvändigheten som tvinger dem att ändra sina tidigare System av Regering.	—	—	—
The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations,	Historien av den nuvarande Kungen av Stor Brittanien är en historia av upprepade skador och tillskansande,	—	—	—

all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States.	allesammans havande i direkt syfte inrättelsen av ett absolut tyranni över desse Stater.	—	—	—
To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.		—	—	—
He has refused his Assent to Laws,		—	—	—
the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.		—	—	—
He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance,		—	—	—
unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained;		—	—	—
and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.		—	—	—
He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people,		—	—	—
unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature,		—	—	—
a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.		—	—	—
He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records,		—	—	—
for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.		—	—	—
He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly,		—	—	—

for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.	—	—	—	—
He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions,	—	—	—	—
to cause others to be elected;	—	—	—	—
whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation,	—	—	—	—
have returned to the People at large for their exercise;	—	—	—	—
the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers	—	—	—	—
of invasion from without, and convulsions within.	—	—	—	—
He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States;	—	—	—	—
for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of For- eigners;	—	—	—	—
refusing to pass others to encour- age their migrations hither,	—	—	—	—
and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.	—	—	—	—
He has obstructed the Adminis- tration of Justice,	—	—	—	—
by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary pow- ers.	—	—	—	—
He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone,	—	—	—	—
for the tenure of their offices,	—	—	—	—
and the amount and payment of their salaries.	—	—	—	—

He has erected a multitude of New Offices,	—	—	—	—
and sent hither swarms of Offi- cers to harrass our people,	—	—	—	—
and eat out their substance.	—	—	—	—
He has kept among us, in times of peace,	—	—	—	—
Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.	—	—	—	—
He has affected to render the Military independent of and su- perior to the Civil power.	—	—	—	—
He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction for- eign to our constitution,	—	—	—	—
and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:	—	—	—	—
For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:	—	—	—	—
For protecting them, by a mock Trial,	—	—	—	—
from punishment for any Mur- ders	—	—	—	—
which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:	—	—	—	—
For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:	—	—	—	—
For imposing Taxes on us with- out our Consent:	—	—	—	—
For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:	—	—	—	—
For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences	—	—	—	—

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province,	—	—	—	—
establishing therein an Arbitrary government,	—	—	—	—
and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument	—	—	—	—
for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:	—	—	—	—
For taking away our Charters,	—	—	—	—
abolishing our most valuable Laws,	—	—	—	—
and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:	—	—	—	—
For suspending our own Legislatures,	—	—	—	—
and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.	—	—	—	—
He has abdicated Government here,	—	—	—	—
by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.	—	—	—	—
He has plundered our seas,	—	—	—	—
ravaged our Coasts,	—	—	—	—
burnt our towns,	—	—	—	—
and destroyed the lives of our people.	—	—	—	—
He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries	—	—	—	—

to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny,	—	—	—	—
already begun with circum- stances of Cruelty & perfidy	—	—	—	—
scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages,	—	—	—	—
and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.	—	—	—	—
He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas	—	—	—	—
to bear Arms against their Coun- try,	—	—	—	—
to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren,	—	—	—	—
or to fall themselves by their Hands.	—	—	—	—
He has excited domestic insur- rections amongst us,	—	—	—	—
and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers,	—	—	—	—
the merciless Indian Savages,	—	—	—	—
whose known rule of warfare,	—	—	—	—
is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.	—	—	—	—
In every stage of these Oppres- sions	—	—	—	—
We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms:	—	—	—	—
Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury.	—	—	—	—

A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant,	—	—	—	—
is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.	—	—	—	—
Nor have We been wanting in at- tentions to our Brittish brethren.	—	—	—	—
We have warned them from time to time	—	—	—	—
of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable ju- risdiction over us.	—	—	—	—
We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here.	—	—	—	—
We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity,	—	—	—	—
and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations,	—	—	—	—
which, would inevitably inter- rupt our connections and corre- spondence.	—	—	—	—
They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consan- guinity.	—	—	—	—
We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity,	—	—	—	—
which denounces our Separation,	—	—	—	—
and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind,	—	—	—	—
Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.	—	—	—	—

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America,	Vi, därför, Amerikas Förenta Staternas Representater,	Sentähden, Edustajailta Amerikan Yhdistetuistä Valtoista,	—	—
in General Congress, Assembled,	in allmänt Samlag, församlade,	yleisessä Eduskunnassa, kokoonnuttu	en général Congrès, assemblées,	—
appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions,	—	vedottaessa maailman Korkeimpaan Tuomariin aikeiden vanhurskaudesta	—	—
do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare,	—	näiden siirtomaiden hyvän kansan nimessä ja hyväksymisessä, vakavasti julkaistaan ja ilmoitetaan,	—	—
That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States;	—	Että nämä siirtomaat ovat, ja oikeasti pitäisi heidän oleman, Vapaat ja Riippumattomat Vallat;	—	—
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.	—	—	—	—

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.

Georgia

Button Gwinnett
Lyman Hall
George Walton

North Carolina

William Hooper
Joseph Hewes
John Penn

South Carolina

Edward Rutledge
Thomas Heyward, Jr.
Thomas Lynch, Jr.
Arthur Middleton

Massachusetts

John Hancock

Maryland

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Thomas Stone
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