

## IN ABILENE, TEXAS. JULY 3, 2020

### Declaration of Dependence

When in the course of the development of the United States of America, many of its people choose to separate from God and the principles upon which this nation was founded, it is incumbent upon others to disavow this division and to declare the reasons why they oppose such a separation.

First, we do not accept humanistic ideologies that relegate God to mythology or to a being that "exists" only in the imagination of one's mind. Nor do we believe that human intellect and human reason in the exercise of "free will" make each individual a "god" and the sole determiner of right and wrong, but rather free will allows us to choose between right and wrong, and to experience the consequences of those choices.

Second, regarding human rights, we do not believe that people have the right to engage in any and all behaviors they choose as an exercise of "freedom" but, rather, the rights of an individual end when they violate the rights of another. Nowhere is this violation more clearly displayed than in the egregious action of intentionally killing life in the womb through the heinous act of abortion. We believe that "a nation that kills its own children has no future." We do not place laws created by imperfect humans ahead of the Commandments given to us by our perfect God, and we promote legal means to create harmony between the two.

Third, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men" and women were created equal, regardless of race, color or creed, and "that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."



We affirm the words of three of our greatest presidents:  
George Washington who stated:

"I am sure that never was there a people, who had more reason to acknowledge a Divine interposition in their affairs, than should those of the United States, and I should be pained to believe that they have forgotten that agency which was so often manifested during the Revolution or that they failed to consider the omnipotence of that God who is alone able to protect them."

Thomas Jefferson who prayed:

"Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage, We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitude brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues."

And Abraham Lincoln who proclaimed:

"The ways of God are mysterious and profound beyond all comprehension—'Who by searching can find Him out?' God only knows the issue of this business. He has destroyed nations from the map of history for their sins. Nevertheless, my hopes prevail generally above my fears for our Republic. The times are dark, the spirits of ruin are abroad in all their power, and the mercy of God alone can save us."

Therefore, with an understanding that all gifts which we have been given are to be used to bring ourselves and others closer to God; that we are to love, serve, and protect one another, especially the poorest and most marginalized members of our human family; that the tyranny of sin and the chaos of evil can and will be defeated through individual, communal, and national strength in communion with God; and with a recognition that our very next breath is not guaranteed, it is "in God we continue to trust" and with heartfelt faith and national thought that we make this Declaration of Dependence on God.

