

The Declaration of Independence: Renewed

IN EACH AMERICAN SOUL, July 4, 2016. The unanimous Declaration of the United Souls of America,

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.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all souls 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 Souls, 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 principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Souls; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present Republican Party hereinafter known as the 'GOP' is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these Souls. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

GOP has refused his Assent to Committee Rules that no delegate be bound, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his delegates 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 Convention, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together secret enclaves 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 Delegate committees and discourse 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 Delegate powers, incapable of Annihilation, thus return to the Delegates and their electors at large for their exercise; the Party 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 this Party by any save of his own support; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Committee Judiciary powers.

He has made Delegates 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 Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Thugs without the Consent of our Party Delegates or members.

He has affected to render the minority vote independent of and superior to the Majority DELEGATE Vote power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our Party constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed thugs among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these Souls:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Votes on us without our Consent.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Party whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Party of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our GOP brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their agents to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction 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 interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. 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 Souls of America, in General Convention, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these United Souls, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Souls are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent Agents; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the GOP Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Donald Trump, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent Agents, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent Souls 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.