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A DECLARATION

By the REPRESENTATIVES of the TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY of the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
In CONGRESS passionately connected and virtually assembled.

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to reform and revive the political structures that have connected them with each other, to frustrate malevolent attempts to divide them, and to reassume among the powers of the earth, the unity to which the laws of nature and nations entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of the world requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to pursue such a formidable task.

We hold these truths to be self-evident – that all 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 and protect these rights, governments are instituted among us, 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 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 shown that people 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 people; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to amend their former systems of government. The history of the present era of the United States is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, perpetrated by actors, conniving or competing, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

Malefactors now excite domestic insurrections amongst us, and endeavor to urge on citizen against citizen, in contradistinction to the trend toward greater comity in these United States.

Malefactors attack our institutions and norms of governance, in contradistinction to the trend toward greater freedom and democracy in these United States.

These malefactors have created a parasitic class of professional politicians and their servants, skilled in the art of mendacity and obfuscation, by which means they harness the mechanisms of politics to their ambitions.

They have contrived to protect from electoral challenge incumbent office holders willing to corruptly transfer public goods to private interests in exchange for promised wealth and power.

They have nourished political families which amass and wield political power like generations of medieval courtiers.

They have allied with pernicious foreign powers to distort our civic life.

They have suborned the principle of equality before the law, with schemes that deprive Americans who do not provide campaign finance contributions of government's protections.

They have allowed selfish interests to plunder our seas, ravage our coasts, burn our towns, and destroy the lives of our people through careless and malicious acts.

They have refused to pass laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good, while granting legislative favors for politically well-connected special interests.

At times, they have forbidden governors and state legislatures to pass laws of immediate and pressing importance; at other times, they have, steeped in hypocrisy, encouraged governors and state legislatures to pass overweening laws that degrade federal power.

They have obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing to respect judicial independence from partisan politics, including by making judges dependent on the will of political factions for their nominations and confirmation or even hearings.

When in their temporary partisan interest, they erect a multitude of new executive offices and assert new powers, spending without constraint. When in a newly conceived partisan interest, they strangle the government, undermining its efficacy without remorse.

They subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws, by giving assent to massive government deficits financed in part by foreign holders of government debt and in other part by the certainty of taxes on future Americans.

They have effected, through secrecy and false patriotism, to render the military and intelligence agencies independent of and superior to civilian oversight, while ensuring the burden of fighting our wars falls on a small minority of citizens.

They have succored the establishment of monopolists and other financial predators.

Their arguments concerning laws for the accommodation of large districts of people denied full representation in the legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only, depend not on justice but on political advantage.

They have called together advisory bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, restricted, and removed from normal depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of camouflaging their deliberations from ordinary citizens.

They have neglected the protection of our borders and then persecuted those who responded in good conscience to the implied opportunity to become new Americans.

They have, through falsehoods conveyed by their unscrupulous partners in the press, attacked representatives of the people when they oppose with firmness their invasions on our rights.

They have brought about the defeat of principled public servants and caused others to be elected in their place; whereby the legislative powers, incapable of annihilation, lie dormant with the people at large for their exercise; the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of destabilization from without, and convulsions within.

In every stage of these oppressions, Americans have petitioned for redress in peaceful terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. An oligarchy of such malefactors, the character of which is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to rule a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our fellows who hold political power. We have warned them from time to time of their attempts to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. 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. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity and hold them enemies when they unjustly usurp our power, and friends again when we restore equality.

We, therefore, the representatives of the twenty-first century of the United States of America, in Congress passionately connected and virtually assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judgment of the World for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of this nation, solemnly publish and declare, that we are, and of right ought to be free and united; that we are absolved from all allegiance to tyrannical politicians, and that all political connection to them is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that, as free and independent people, we have the full right to refashion our governing institutions. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine and Earthy Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

Signed by ORDER and in BEHALF of the CONGRESS,

The Rabble

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Minister of Information, serving as Secretary.

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