

NATIONAL SYMBOLS

Emblems of Identity, Lineage, and Collective Standing

INTRODUCTION

The national symbols of the *United States of Black America (USBA)* are sacred declarations of identity, covenant, and sovereign authority. Each one is intentionally designed to reflect who we are as a people, what we carry through lineage, and what we are building for future generations.

These are not casual emblems. They are covenantal standards that affirm our right to self-govern, honor our collective memory, and declare our alignment with divine order. From the national flag and seal to the anthem, motto, prayer, and covenant verse, every symbol carries encoded meaning. They are rooted in the struggle of our ancestors, guided by intergenerational principles, and protected by spiritual clarity.

These symbols are to be carried with reverence, not displayed for effect. They are not for profit, popularity, or performance. They mark what is sacred, guard what is ours, and designate what is not to be defiled. To use these symbols is to affirm covenant. To protect them is to uphold sovereignty.

NATIONAL FLAG

The official flag of the United States of Black America is the ***Black American Heritage Flag***, first created in 1967 by *Melvin Charles and Gleason T. Jackson* to honor the unique history, resilience, and identity of Black Americans.

The flag features a diagonal black stripe between two red fields, with a central gold emblem composed of a fig leaf wreath and a blunted sword.

- **Red** represents the blood our people shed in every generation—from enslavement to civil rights to present-day struggle for liberation.
- **Black** affirms the dignity, lineage, and cultural identity of Foundational Black Americans.
- **Gold** symbolizes the excellence, intellect, and promise we carry, even in the face of continued injustice.

The ***fig wreath***, drawn from the fig tree cultivated by our ancestors in the American South, honors life, nourishment, and the generational wisdom that has sustained us. The ***blunted sword*** signifies righteous power—our readiness to protect what is ours without becoming what we resist. Together, the colors and symbols declare not just who we are, but who we refuse to forget.

Guidelines for Use:

- The flag may be displayed in homes, classrooms, sacred sites, and gatherings that honor the lineage, legacy, and liberation of Black America.
- Official versions must include the full gold emblem at center, without alteration.

Wherever this flag is raised, it signals covenant clarity, structural alignment, and our ongoing commitment to honor the legacy of those buried in the land before they were counted by the law. This is not a flag of general solidarity; it is a national standard for a people whose heritage is both rooted and rising.

NATIONAL SEAL

The **official seal** of the United States of Black America is a reimagined version of the Great Seal of the United States, redesigned to reflect Black sovereignty, spiritual covenant, and intergenerational purpose.

- The **eagle** at the center of the seal represents enduring strength, leadership, and prophetic wisdom. Historically used by the United States to symbolize empire, the eagle is reclaimed here as a sign of endurance, intergenerational vision, and spiritual leadership.
- In its **left talon**, the eagle holds an olive branch with ten leaves, symbolizing the **10 Guiding Principles of USBA**:
 1. **Self-Determination**
We govern our own lives and name our own future. No institution or system may define who we are or dictate what we can become.
 2. **Collective Responsibility**
We succeed or fail together—so we protect the work together. Every Foundational Black American must be accountable to the greater whole.
 3. **Cultural Preservation**
We honor our history and protect our culture from distortion or dilution. Our legacy is not for sale, and our expression must remain rooted in truth.
 4. **Covenant Accountability**
We choose clarity over control and enforce alignment without performance. Covenant is the system, and alignment is the protection.
 5. **Spiritual Integrity**
We move with discernment and honor the sacred without spectacle. Spiritual grounding is essential—but must never be commodified or performed.
 6. **Intergenerational Wisdom**
We build bridges between generations—not walls. Elders, adults, and youth are all necessary to carry vision, memory, and strategy forward.
 7. **Global Solidarity**
We honor our unique lineage as Foundational Black Americans while standing in mutual respect and reciprocity with Black communities worldwide.
 8. **Innovation with Purpose**
We adapt, create, and build with strategy—not trends. Innovation must be mission-driven and rooted in systems that last.

9. **Healing and Wholeness**

We do not normalize pain. Wellness is our responsibility. Individual and communal healing are necessary for sustainable sovereignty.

10. **Quiet Power**

We do not need visibility to be effective. We protect our power from performance. Stealth, wisdom, and internal clarity will always matter more than platform or approval.

- In its **right talon**, the eagle clutches three arrows representing life, liberty, and the pursuit of restoration—our sovereign inalienable rights.
- The **shield** on the eagle’s chest bears the colors of the Black American Heritage Flag —red, black, and gold. The center is shaped like a “T,” signifying trust as the foundation of protection, discernment, and clarity.
- On either side of the inner circle, **two stars** represent the *past and future of Foundational Black Americans* as generational centers of global influence.
- Above the eagle’s head are **three stars**, signifying *mind, body, and soul*—a sacred alignment of the human spirit.
- Rising above the eagle’s head are **seven rays**, symbolizing God’s divine covenant with Black people: a promise of completion, protection, and spiritual covering over the USBA nation.

The ten principles are not abstract values. They are encoded into the seal to represent the moral, civic, and structural priorities of a sovereign people. They guide our institutions, shape our leadership, and ground our national integrity.

The seal holds more than symbolism. It is a sacred map, naming our identity, carrying our charge, and pointing us forward. Every detail is intentional, marked by covenant and built to endure.

Guidelines for Use:

- The seal is reserved for official USBA documents, toolkits, ceremonies, and FBA communications.
- Any reproduction must preserve the full design and meaning—no edits, filters, or overlays.
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- The seal is trademark protected to prevent misuse, distortion, or unauthorized association.

This seal confirms structural alignment. It marks the work as sacred and sovereign.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Written by James Weldon Johnson (lyrics) and J. Rosamond Johnson (music)

The official anthem of the United States of Black America is “***Lift Every Voice and Sing***.” Known globally as the *Black National Anthem*, this sacred hymn transcends performance and operates as invocation, remembrance, and covenant affirmation.

First penned in 1900, the anthem is a call to spiritual fortitude and structural clarity. It echoes the ancestral charge to rise with dignity, endure with faith, and build with purpose. Within USBA, the anthem is not used for entertainment or applause. It is sung or played in sacred observance, covenant ceremonies, intergenerational gatherings, and moments of structural recommitment.

Its verses speak of hope born from suffering, light emerging through storms, and the unyielding presence of God in the fight for freedom. As such, it is treated as a sacred rite of collective memory and alignment.

Guidelines for Use:

- The anthem may be sung or played at public events, gatherings, classrooms, and covenant ceremonies.
- Within USBA, it is treated with reverence, not performance.
- Use is encouraged during Founder’s Day, pledge recitations, and intergenerational events.
- Musical adaptations are allowed, but original lyrics must remain unchanged.

This is a hymn of memory and alignment. Use it to uplift, not entertain.

NATIONAL MOTTO

“A nation within a nation.”

Historic phrase adopted as the official USBA motto

This phrase has long been used by thinkers, organizers, and spiritual leaders to affirm the distinct political and cultural identity of Foundational Black Americans within the borders of the United States. USBA adopts this language not as theory, but as jurisdictional clarity.

It reflects our refusal to be assimilated into systems that were not built for us and our commitment to govern what we have already been given by covenant, inheritance, and righteous order.

Guidelines for Use:

- Printed on USBA documents, correspondence, educational tools, and ceremonial materials.
- Integrated into signage, media, and USBA branding to reinforce structural sovereignty.
- Must always be presented in full—never shortened, stylized, or altered.

This is not a slogan. It is a declaration. It designates our authority.

COVENANT PRAYER

The official national covering of the United States of Black America is the ***Covenant Prayer***. First spoken at the Founding Observance on July 5, 2025, it consecrates our governance, principles, and mandate to the *Most High God*. This prayer is not a ceremonial performance. It is a sacred declaration that our freedom is an assignment, our governance is a covenant, and our work is under divine order.

It affirms our inheritance of health, land, education, wealth, and restoration; renounces false power, infiltration, and delay; and commits every Foundational Black American to God's wisdom, justice, and protection. Spoken in full, it is a charge that binds the nation to its founding vows.

Guidelines for Use:

- May be spoken at Founder's Day, Declaration ceremonies, and covenant gatherings.
- Must be recited in full, with original wording and order preserved.
- May appear in official documents, educational tools, and aligned displays.
- It should be delivered with reverence, not performance or profit.

This prayer seals our nation in God's order and protects what is entrusted to us.

COVENANT VERSE

The official national verse of the United States of Black America is **2 Corinthians 6:17** (King James Version). Adopted as the *Covenant Verse*, it charges the nation to preserve its lineage, reject defilement, and stand in clarity until full restoration is received.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

USBA Covenant Mandate: Come out from among the systems and the narratives that are not ours. Be separate and stand as the Lord has called us to as Foundational Black Americans. Do not adhere to the policies, labels, or alliances that would make our name, claims, or covenant unclean. For, the Lord shall receive, restore, and remember us.

This verse is a sacred charge to protect FBA identity from erasure, dilution, and false associations; affirming that covenant clarity precedes inheritance and that restoration is assured to those who remain set apart in obedience.

Guidelines for Use:

- Read at Founder's Day, covenant renewals, Declaration ceremonies, and national gatherings.
- Recite in full, including the King James text and covenant mandate as the authorized interpretation.

- May be included in official documents, educational tools, and aligned displays.
- Deliver with reverence, never as performance or political theater.

This verse anchors our nation in God’s order and protects the clarity of our name, our claim, and our restoration.

OFFICIAL COLOR SCHEME

To preserve the integrity of the national standard, the United States of Black America adopts the following official color specifications drawn from the original Black American Heritage Flag:

Red

- **HEX:** #b5191f
- **RGB:** 181, 25, 31
- **CMYK:** 0–86–83–29

Black

- **HEX:** #000000
- **RGB:** 0, 0, 0
- **CMYK:** 0–0–0–100

Gold

- **HEX:** #f0ac17
- **RGB:** 243, 174, 24
- **CMYK:** 0–28–90–6

These colors must remain unaltered in all official uses to maintain continuity with the historical flag and to protect the visual sovereignty of FBA identity.

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