



#### MISSION STATEMENT

Tucson Republican Women support and promote the principles of the Republican Party through programming which educates, through newsletters that inform the membership on legislative issues, through supporting women running for elective office, and through campaigning for Republican candidates.

**The Redline  
Independence Day  
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**We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men 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.**

Thomas Jefferson, the author of this precious document and these eloquent words, which marked the formal end of the colonists negotiations with King George of Britain, wrote one of the most consequential sentences in history. On this Independence Day, remember that we are living in a fallen world that appears to question Jefferson's statement.

On January 28, 1786, Thomas Jefferson commented to Dr. James Currie, **"Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."** Within 21 years, Jefferson reflected, **"nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. Truth itself becomes suspicious by being put into that polluted vehicle."**

How true is this statement in today's world? Our freedoms and liberties are in jeopardy at every turn. It is up to each and every one of us to speak out to our friends, family and neighbors regarding these issues. We can no longer be silent or complacent as we forge our future.

Independence Day is our opportunity to celebrate our country and the words of Thomas Jefferson as stated in the Declaration of Independence. Please remember this as we enjoy picnics and fireworks that symbolize the sacrifices made for our freedoms and liberties.

**Happy Independence Day to all!**

