

**The Unanimous Declaration of the Discontented Citizens of the United States of America,
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Words have always been America's sharpest dagger. No one understood that better than Thomas Jefferson, whose elegant prose and consummate turn of phrase astounded our forebears. Independence, he recognized, could be declared in the form of a letter, in a compilation of words written so eloquently and potently that the world's most powerful monarch would have to take notice. The moment has come to rekindle our inner Jefferson. With words – not fists or bullets – it is time to declare our independence.

When a free and self-governing people find themselves bound to a leader whose actions undermine the foundations of liberty, it becomes not only their right, but their solemn duty, to declare the causes that compel them to reject such governance. The bonds between a citizenry and its chosen representatives are sacred, grounded in mutual trust and the just exercise of power. But when that trust is broken, and power is perverted to serve ambition over duty, the people must speak.

We affirm these enduring truths: that all individuals possess inherent dignity and equal worth; that they are endowed with rights not granted by rulers but secured by the very fact of their humanity — among these are the rights to live in peace, to speak in truth and to be governed with justice. Governments are established by the consent of the governed to defend these rights — not to diminish or deny them. And whenever a leader becomes hostile to these ends, it is the right of the people to hold him or her accountable and to seek a renewal of their democratic promise.

This declaration arises from such a moment. The conduct of Donald J. Trump, in word and in deed, in office and beyond, has demonstrated a consistent pattern of abuse, falsehood and contempt for the principles of constitutional democracy. A full account of these offenses must be laid before the nation and the world — not in hatred, but in the earnest hope of restoring honor to the republic.

The history of his tenure is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of a presidency without restraint, hostile to truth, indifferent to suffering and dangerous to the survival of our democratic order. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world:

- **He has obstructed justice and sought to place himself above the law** by directing subordinates to interfere with federal investigations, defying lawful subpoenas and encouraging disobedience to congressional oversight.
- **He has treated the free press as a foe**, mocking, belittling and attacking journalists, spreading falsehoods to confuse the public mind and undermining one of the last defenses of democratic accountability.
- **For using the powers of his office for personal gain**, he demanded favors from foreign governments to discredit political rivals and withheld congressionally approved aid in pursuit of such schemes.

- **For failing in his most basic duty to protect the public**, he spread misinformation during a deadly pandemic, dismissed scientific counsel and placed political vanity above human life.
- **He has pardoned allies and criminals not in the spirit of justice, but in pursuit of loyalty and silence**, thereby subverting the rule of law and shielding the guilty from consequence.
- **For encouraging violence and division**, he refused to denounce white supremacists, defended hate groups and used inflammatory rhetoric that incited chaos and fear.
- **He has incited an insurrection against the government he was sworn to defend**, summoning a mob to the Capitol and inflaming them with lies to overturn the results of a lawful election.
- **For refusing to acknowledge the peaceful transfer of power**, he dishonored a sacred American tradition, fostering distrust, division and sedition.
- **He has weakened the nation's alliances**, withdrawing from global accords, scorning long-standing partners and offering praise to tyrants while isolating democratic friends.
- **For employing language of racism, xenophobia and sexism**, he divided the people, inflamed prejudice and made cruelty a political tool.
- **He has separated families at the southern border**, executing policies that inflicted suffering on innocent children and violated basic human rights.
- **For undermining confidence in free and fair elections**, he spread baseless accusations of fraud, pressured officials to alter vote counts and sought to invalidate the voice of the people.
- **He has used the levers of government to enrich himself and his family**, refusing to divest from private business interests, promoting his own properties and misusing public funds.
- **For flooding the nation with falsehoods**, he has eroded the very concept of truth, fostering confusion, mistrust and civic decay.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by contempt, deflection and mockery. A leader whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant is unfit to govern a free People.

We, therefore, the discontented citizens of the United States of America, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do solemnly publish and declare, that we aim to be, and of right ought to be, free and independent from the influence, legacy and future governance of Donald J. Trump; we will pursue political change peacefully and through conventional nonviolent channels; and that as free citizens, we reclaim our duty to the Constitution, to our neighbors and to the generations yet unborn.

And so, with solemn purpose and unwavering resolve, we offer our lives, our fortunes and the quiet strength of our common honor.