

*“This is a declaration for women—and for all who stand with them and live within the nation they sustain.*

**”Women’s Declaration of Independence**  
**Short Version (A 2-Minute Public Reading)**

*Presented to the American People on July 4, 2026*

**When, in the course of  
human events,  
it becomes necessary for  
one-half of the people  
to call a nation back to its  
own truths,  
we declare the causes  
which compel us to speak.  
We hold these truths to be  
self-evident:  
that all persons are created**

**equal;  
that women are persons;  
and that government exists  
to secure these truths—  
not to delay or deny them.**

**The words “Equal Justice  
Under Law” are carved in  
stone.**

**Yet they have never applied  
fully to women,  
because women have  
never had full legal equality  
under the United States  
Constitution.**

**Although the Fourteenth Amendment promised equal protection, it has never been applied equally to women.**

**And although the Equal Rights Amendment—ratified in 2020—establishes equality, it has not been implemented.**

*“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or*

*abridged*  
*by the United States or by*  
*any State on account of sex."*

**Women bring forth life,  
sustain families,  
serve their communities  
and defend this nation.**

**To deny them constitutional  
equality  
is to deny their dignity,  
humanity and rights.**

**Yet courts apply a lesser  
standard—  
Intermediate Scrutiny—  
to laws that discriminate on  
the basis of sex,  
allowing inequality to  
continue.**

**The highest standard,  
Strict Scrutiny,  
remains unavailable to  
women.**

**As a result women are  
denied economic equality,**

**equal protection under the  
law and security  
against violence and  
exploitation.**

**These injustices are not  
accidental—  
they are legally authorized.**

**We declare:  
women are equal citizens  
of this Republic.  
Equality must be clear in  
law  
and in its enforcement.**

**We call upon the people to  
demand:  
the full implementation and  
enforcement  
of the Equal Rights  
Amendment—  
by all courts,  
and all government  
officials.**

**A nation that treats women  
unequally  
cannot be a democracy.**

**Therefore, we declare:  
the Equal Rights**

**Amendment is part of the  
Constitution.  
It is the law.**

**Women will no longer  
accept inequality.  
We demand equality now—  
nothing more, nothing less.**

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In the spirit of 1776, the Declaration of Sentiments of 1848 and the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in 2020,

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