

United States Bicentennial Proclamation
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Now Therefore Be IT Known, that America was born of necessity. The necessity of being able to voice an opinion openly and freely. To voluntarily contribute knowledge and time to create a country with freedom for all to enjoy.

Whereas, with the help of God, the wisdom and efforts of great men set forth the establishment essential for a great nation to survive. The creation of this nation's basic freedoms is the result of honorable, sound judgement.

Whereas, America must return to an era of caring. Each caring for his family and neighbors. Working out problems with respect and dignity. Honoring our fellowman and affording aid and comfort in time of distress.

Whereas, we must stand strong at all times in defending the precious rights of being an American. We need an America to be proud of, based on trust and love. A nation of families, friends and neighbors, where a man's word is his bond.

Whereas, we need to continually acknowledge the basic values of good citizens, wherein trust, honesty, virtue, fairness and concern has been valued for 200 years and maintained by the majority of the American people. These same values have been the thrust of men who have given their lives for their beloved country.

Whereas, America must be governed by loyal, honest and righteous leaders who, by their actions merit the respect of all Americans as well as

the respect of all nations.

Now Therefore Be It Known, that we, as citizens of our great country, have the same necessity for freedom and the same desire to help each other; freely, without fear. We have the same purposes and goals which applied to our forefathers. We, therefore, must do our part in making our American Chorus sing out with great effort as a nation one at heart. Let it be known that in the history of our great country, we have done our part. Our personal contribution as a true American, is one in which we are proud, and our legacy to each generation will survive forever.

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