

STATEMENT OF SEPARATION

THEREFORE AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE
MEETING IN THIS CONGRESS
DECLARE THAT THESE UNITED COLONIES
HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE INDEPENDENT STATES AND FREE
THEY NO LONGER OWE ANY LOYALTY TO THE ENGLISH KING
NO MORE POLITICAL TIES WITH GREAT BRITAIN, WE DO OUR OWN THING
NOW AS A FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATE
WE HAVE POWER TO WAGE WAR OR MAKE PEACE
MAKE ALLIANCES WITH OTHER NATIONS
PROMOTE TRADE AND DO ALL THE OTHER THINGS
THAT FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES DO
SUPPORT THIS DECLARATION, YES WE DO
WITH PROTECTION OF GOD
WE PLEDGE TO EACH OTHER OUR LIVE, DESTINIES AND SACRED HONOR

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NOW HERES THE SIGNATURES THAT SIGNED

Georgia: Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton

North Carolina: William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn

South Carolina: Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., Arthur Middleton

Massachusetts: John Hancock

Maryland: Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll

Virginia: George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson, Jr.,

Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton

Pennsylvania: Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, James Smith

George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross

Delaware: Caesar Rodney, George Read, Thomas McKean

New York: William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris

New Jersey: Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

New Hampshire: Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple

Massachusetts: Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island: Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery

Connecticut: Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott

New Hampshire: Matthew Thornton