

# JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS:

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. 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. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them to absolute Tyranny, it is their duty to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has

## THE WORDS THAT FORMED A NATION: THE WRITING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

PRESENTATION BY JOSH MYERS

JULY 11, 2026 | 2:00 PM

IN THE SCHWEINFURTH MUSEUM AT THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE



Local history teacher, Josh Myers, is giving a special presentation in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This presentation examines how the Declaration of Independence came to be, the people and events involved in its creation, and the ideas that shaped its message. Join us for an engaging look at the document's origins, purpose, and enduring influence. Perfect for history enthusiasts, students, and community members of all ages.

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