This a founding document of the United States written by Thomas Jefferson declaring the United States as an independent nation and stating that all men have the basic rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

**Did You Know?**

- There were 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.
- The youngest and oldest signers of the Declaration of Independence were Edward Rutledge who was the youngest signer at 26 years of age and Benjamin Franklin who was the oldest signer who was 70 years old at the time.
- The Declaration of Independence is housed in the rotunda of the National Archives in Washington, D.C. along with the Constitution and Bill or Rights. At night, the documents are stored in an underground vault.
- “United States” was not referenced in the Declaration of Independence.

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