



# Founding Fathers Celebration Resolution

**WHEREAS**, when our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, a majority of colonists did not support it, as they were either loyal to the King or indifferent. This meant General George Washington had to fight one of the largest empires in world history with most of his country not fully behind him. His army was continually unpaid. He refused a salary as general and as president because he wanted to serve his country.

**WHEREAS**, the American Revolution was the first transfer of power in world history based on ideas for the betterment of humankind, and on the notion that an abusive government not only can but must be changed.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution is cited as the world's longest-running constitution. National constitutions around the world only last around 20 years on average.

**WHEREAS**, George Washington broke with longstanding European military tradition, by awarding military badges to everyday front-line soldiers for their sacrifice, as opposed to only high-ranking officers. Washington elevated our country's appreciation of veterans, which remains to this day.

**WHEREAS**, James Madison's Bill of Rights was so advanced that most people living today do not have most of the constitutional rights we were granted in 1791.

**WHEREAS**, the Boston Tea Party and the creation of "No Taxation Without Representation" enshrined low taxes in our government. Lower taxes empowered everyday people and small businesses to great, never-before-seen heights, which made us the world's biggest economy in 1890, unseating our former rulers, Great Britain. Today, the average wage of America's poorest state is still greater than the average wage of most European nations.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we the citizens of America honor our nation's Founding Fathers and our amazing heritage.