



## *I Do Declare...*

| The Actual Words  | What it Means   |
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| We hold these truths to be self-evident,                          | <i>We believe the following to be obvious,</i>  |
| that all men are created equal,                                   | <i>All people are the same</i>  |
| that they are endowed by their Creator                            | <i>All people have been given by their God</i>  |
| with certain unalienable rights,                                  | <i>Specific rights that cannot be taken away</i>  |
| that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. | <i>These include the right to live, the right to be free, and the right to try to be happy.</i> |
| That to secure these rights,                                      | <i>To keep these liberties</i>  |
| governments are instituted among men,                             | <i>Governments are made by the people in the country</i>  |
| deriving their just powers  | <i>And the government gets its powers that are fair</i>   |
| from the consent of the governed.                                 | <i>From the people in the country.</i>  |