



This Fourth of July, America will celebrate its birthday. Neither our closest allies nor our fiercest enemies have experienced the stability with which we have been blessed. In fact, during the time that America has flourished under the Declaration of Independence:

France has had fifteen different governments.

Brazil has had seven since 1822

Poland, seven since 1921

Afghanistan, five since 1923

Russia, four since 1918

Preserving American liberty depends first upon our understanding the foundations on which this great country was built and then preserving the principles on which it was founded.

Let's not let the purpose for which we were established be forgotten. The Founding Fathers have passed us a torch; let's not let it go out.

As we celebrate, let's make sure we preserve our memory of these unique governing principles.

On July 2, 1776, Congress voted to approve a complete separation from Great Britain. Two days afterwards – July 4th – the early draft of the Declaration of Independence was signed, albeit by only two individuals at that time: John Hancock, President of Congress, and Charles Thompson, Secretary of Congress.

Four days later, on July 8, members of Congress took that document and read it aloud from the steps of Independence Hall, proclaiming it to the city of Philadelphia, after which the Liberty Bell was rung.

The inscription around the top of that bell, Leviticus 25:10, was most appropriate for the occasion: “Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof”

Understanding this truth, earlier generations frequently incorporated thankfulness to God as an integral component of Independence Day celebrations. In fact, on the original Independence Day in 1776, John Adams had recommended:

“This day ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty”

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