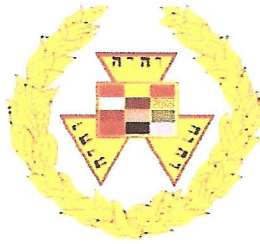


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July Fourth Celebration

Where As, America celebrates July 4th as Independence Day because it was on July 4, 1776 that members of the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, adopted the final draft of the Declaration of Independence.

Where As, Many of our stalwart forefathers, many of them Freemasons, came forward placing their lives and fortunes in jeopardy to support and sign this document.

Where As, Many spontaneous celebrations took place as the Declaration of Independence was read to the public in various American Cities.

Where As, When the War of Independence ended in 1783, July 4th became a holiday in many places and in 1941 the United States Congress declared July 4th to be a federal holiday

Therefore, Let it be known that The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, together with millions of fellow Americans, celebrate this day with much fanfare. In the words of John Adams, the 4th of July, "Ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other." Now all my companions, go forth and celebrate this magnificent country we call the United States of America. While you are celebrating take a moment to thank all of our past and present military whose sacrifices allow us enjoy the blessings of freedom and of this day.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand and seal on this 24th Day of June, 2018, A: L: 2548


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All men are born of Mothers – All Masons are raised by Brothers