

## PREAMBLE

## NATURAL RIGHTS

### GRIEVANCES

### RESOLUTION OF INDEPENDENCE

The king has refused to agree to laws that would benefit the people.

Our own governments have been abolished.

All men are created equal.

The king has caused fighting among the colonists.

Our trade with the rest of the world has been cut off.

We pledge our lives, fortunes, and honor in support of this Declaration of Independence.

Sometimes it becomes necessary for one group of people to cut ties with another group of people.

The king gets to decide whether the judges keep their jobs and how much they get paid.

New laws have taken away our right to a jury trial in many cases.

When government threatens peoples' natural rights, the people have the right to abolish it and make a new government.

We now cut all political connection with Great Britain.

The king has opened new government offices and sent "swarms of officers to harass our people."

The king has housed large numbers of troops in our communities

Government must get its power from the consent of the governed.

When one group of people decides to separate from another, they should explain why.

We declare that the colonies are and should be free and independent states.

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are "unalienable rights."

The king has tried to keep people from coming to the colonies to live.