

VOCABULARY & DEFINITIONS FOR THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

1. IDEOLOGY – the teachings/beliefs and ideas a person or a group believe in and live by.
2. ENDOW – to give.
3. INSTITUTE – to set-up or to start.
4. UNALIENABLE/INALIENABLE – that which cannot be taken away.
5. USURP (USURPATION) – to take control by force.
6. TYRANNY – a government that uses its power to harm the rights of its citizens.
7. PRUDENCE – careful thought given to making a decision before taking action; good judgment.
8. TRANSIENT – temporary; not long lasting
9. DECLARATION – an announcement.
10. ABOLISH/ABOLISHING – to do away with.
11. ACCUSTOM/ACCUSTOMED – something one is in the habit of doing; use to.
12. BAND - (non-musical definition) – ties or tied together; unite.
13. IMPEL – move to action.
14. CONSENT – permission.
15. DERIVE (DERIVING) – something that comes from a place of origin; taken from a source.
16. INVARIABLE/INVARIABLY – without change; unchangeably; constantly.
17. EVINCE – proving beyond reasonable doubt; showing evidence.
18. DESPOT/DESPOTISM – a ruler that is above the law with absolute power; a tyrant.
19. CANDID – open, fair and honest.
20. CONSTRAINS – forces; something that cannot be resisted.
21. ASSENT - to agree; to give in.
22. RELINQUISH - to surrender; to give up something.
23. INESTIMABLE - too great to be estimated.
24. FORMIDABLE - feared or dreaded.
25. DEPOSITORY - a place where anything is stored.
26. SELF-EVIDENT – obvious; requiring no proof.
27. GOVERNED – citizens under a government.