

# Celebrating Our 'Day of Deliverance'

Two-hundred forty-two years ago, the 13 colonies of America declared their independence from the rule of Great Britain.

John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that it was the "day of Deliverance," "akin to the slaves of Egypt and their Exodus from the Pharaoh king."

Though independence had been resolved on July 2, it was not until July 4 that Adams and Thomas Jefferson co-signed the Declaration. It would follow that the two signatories would serve as future presidents of the United States of America.

In due course, the great nation that today is the United States of America blossomed to become the most powerful nation in the world.

Meanwhile, Amazon also celebrates its 24th birthday today. Amazon is now valued close to \$1 trillion and typifies the "can-do spirit" of America.

The American dream has turned out to be a real-life dream for many who have pursued it, yet among the 325 million in the country, some are still chasing their dream in a nation which affords them to sleep safely and dream freely under the Stars and Stripes supported by their bulwark Constitution.

With independence comes responsibility and the office of the president must lead that charge.

Our children inevitably leave home, and though we are sad, we also celebrate that they and future generations carry forward the heritage and culture critical to man's forward path.

My only claim to the date July 4 is that it was the date of my long-gone parents' wedding anniversary.

I celebrate the fruit of that union today as we in Great Britain celebrate the fruit of our once union. Though life is lived forward, it is understood backward. Through heritage, we retain hope and through hope, we maintain the hunger to thrive.

God Bless America! Remember us, for we shall not forget you.  
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