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PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, in these modern days when our citizens are struggling with gigantic problems, it is well for us to ponder and reflect upon the real obligation we owe to the fathers of our country, and to proudly proclaim and demonstrate our profound love and devotion for them; and,

WHEREAS, FATHER'S DAY, now nationally observed throughout the nation, originated in the City of Spokane, and it is, therefore, fitting and proper that this day should be commemorated here with unusual enthusiasm,

THEREFORE, I, A. W. BURCH, as Mayor of the City of Spokane, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 21st, 1936, as FATHER'S DAY, and urge the observance thereof by all our citizens; and, believing that Spokane's ^{revered citizen,} ~~oldest member of the Grand Army of the Republic,~~ Josephus H. Hobbs, exemplifies all those sterling virtues of American fatherhood, I do hereby appoint him as Acting Mayor of the City of Spokane on Father's Day.

Dated this 13th day of June, 1936.



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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

That whenever a Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly, all experience has shown, that the abuses and violations of rights are borne with a patience and acquiescence, which are usually attended to, until a long train of abuses, and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce us to absolute Tyranny, at which point, it is our duty to throw off such Government, and to institute new Government.

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