

A More Perfect Union

for Civility, Respect, Empathy & Wellbeing



148 AMERICANS

PLEA

FOR GREATER
DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY

WE THE PEOPLE SOCIETY - AN INITIATIVE OF
THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

"The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism." GEORGE WASHINGTON

The Official Declaration for We The People Society

- A Humanitarian Initiative of the National Leadership Center for Excellence and the American Civility Forum and Lyceum -

A Declaration for A More Perfect Union

to Insure Civility & Domestic Tranquility for the Blessings of Liberty



May 1, 2018

BE IT WRITTEN AND DECLARED that Mr. George Washington and thirty-eight other signers affixed their most important and sustaining signatures to the United States of America's Constitution on Day Seventeen, the Month of September, in 1787 the year of our Lord with the lead introductory Preamble . . .

The Preamble

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America"

The National Leadership Center for Excellence and our American Civility Forum & Lyceum, pledge to advance the emphasis of A More Perfect Union to insure Domestic Tranquility. To this end, we shall honor our Constitution in these most important pursuits and practices to promote the general welfare and to secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. In this we shall honor our founding fathers sacred fire as our personal inheritance and promise to advance a more perfect union under all conditions of war and peace. In so practicing, let us join together as one national community of practicing leaders of cultural architects living to be an envoy for a more perfect union. In this we invite reflection regarding the set-forth nine Articles for 2018 commitment and future engagement.

Our Declaration's "Plan Civilitas" Cultural and Civility Leadership Articles of Engagement are . . .

Article I. Whereby, we agree to act for May 1 in America to be renamed and reframed A National Day of Civility, Loyalty and Trust.

Article II. Whereby, we agree to participate in the American Civility Tour II to be established in the great State of Alabama.

Article III. Whereby, we agree to be engaged as a member in the Society of 100 for A More Perfect Union and the NLCX General Assembly.

Article IV. Whereby, we agree to be good stewards by honoring our Constitution and its fundamental principles in our life's work.

Article V. Whereby, we agree to champion greater Civility, Respect, Engagement, Spirituality and Servant Leadership learning.

Article VI. Whereby, we agree to celebrate and honor recipients of A More Perfect Union Lifetime Achievement Award.

Article VII. Whereby, we agree to contribute to our Society quarterly review with leadership articles from our esteemed body of signatures.

Article VIII. Whereby, we agree to partner with national leaders as a constitutional-driven body of leaders as servants.

Article IX. Whereby, we agree to support another in this most important relationship Proverb – iron sharpeneth iron.

Be it resolved, that we the 100 undersigned wish to offer our very best of leadership for the merits of our Declaration for A More Perfect Union. We act upon this in truth to contribute our fullest self-realization of our purpose for the common good - as our capabilities make possible. All signatures are final and shall be complete on or before September 1, 2018. It shall be officially recorded that the General Assembly shall meet in Philadelphia, Constitution Day, September 17, 2018 and every year thereafter for the very purpose of honoring our Constitution's Preamble for A More Perfect Union.

With our very best of intentions we shall lead by example, as Servant Leaders and Cultural Architects in the flagship Community of Practice – The American Civility Forum & Lyceum. May we as citizens cultivate a higher endowment to make explicit the design and successful implementation of a learning and relationship system dedicated to a better and more caring culture.

May we the people ordain this Declaration by our signatures. To be ordained, each signature is invited to offer a 300-word written presentation - What is the meaning of A More Perfect Union, and what recommendation might be offered for America to act upon? Signatures will be officially authenticated by the National Leadership Center for Excellence Secretary-General and Secretariat.

As invited, we the undersigned ordain the Declaration for A More Perfect Union to insure Civility & Domestic Tranquility for the Blessings of Liberty. So be it.

148 AMERICAN SIGNERS

TO THE DECLARATION
FOR A MORE PERFECT UNION
WITH PASSONATE PLEAS
FOR DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY
AND THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY

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We The People Society

A National Deeply Engaged Network
in Pursuit of A More Perfect Union through
Greater Civility, Respect, Empathy & Wellbeing

Our Closing Statement

Part I: The Heart of Man

The heart of man is so delicate, so complex. Each heart is so different, actuated by human motives, controlled by different circumstances, and influenced by different sufferings. With this said, within each heart there is a natural goodness to practice greater Civility, Respect, Empathy, and Wellbeing. Our hearts, our very centers are hungry to be loved and not be judged. In the face of increasing loneliness in America, we seek societal connectivity. Our many cultures seek a oneness, whereby respect and understanding is the result. Loving our neighbor may be as old as time, but it has never been timelier for a more perfect union.

Part II: The Declaration for A More Perfect Union

What took place in 1787 revealed its importance once more in 2018. The Preamble for the Constitution is inviting, bold, precise and yet – a call to action. For such a time as this, the Declaration for A More Perfect Union has been written and signed 148 strong – with personal essays for the Blessings of Liberty and **a more perfect union**.

Part III: 148 Essays for Civility, Respect and a National Conversation

Respectfully, we know talk can be cheap, selfish, and even a dangerous weapon. Society is practicing profanity with free will to harm others at all age levels. We are exhibiting a level of violence within our borders, communities, and our families at a crisis level. Our 148 essays are a plea for **a more perfect union**.

Part IV: One Million Strong Voices for Civility

A Unified System to make a Civility Impact for Societal Connectivity is our national network with We The People Society. We wish to ensure Domestic Tranquility. We wish to protect the Blessings of Liberty. To achieve this and more, it will take an army of believers – one million strong voices for Civility. We have Plan Civilitas. By 2020, with this most promising movement, we shall become **a more perfect union**.

Part V: Iron Sharpens Iron - 27:17

There is impactful scripture which warrants devoted action as we live our lives and love one another. "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." Our nation is experiencing a crisis in how we treat most others and are devaluing relationships. We are harsh, judgmental, are not listening, and in general – are lonely and lack civility, respect, and empathy in relationships. America should be better than this. We are practicing the daily practice of "iron sharpens iron" for **a more perfect union**.

In closing, we invite you to carefully consider if this movement for a more perfect union is suitable for your personal reflection and becoming a leader in one million strong voices for Civility. Yes, iron does sharpen iron!

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