

SPEECH



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ATION ON INDEPENDENCE DAY PROCLAMATION DATED 17 AUGUST 1945
ONESIA

adies and gentlemen!

ave asked the brothers present here to witness an event that might be important in our
story.

ades our nation has berjuang Indonesia, for the independence of our homeland has even
hundreds of years!

ve action we are to achieve our independence was rising and there are downs, but our
ls remain toward the ideal.

o in an era in Japan, our efforts to achieve national independence did not stop-stop.

he Japanese era, it seems we rely on them, but in fact, still we arrange our own power, but
believe in the power of its own.

w it is time we really took the attitude of the nation's fate and the fate of our homeland in
own hands. Only a nation that dared take fate in their own hands will be able to stand
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ve, had even been held musyawarat with leaders of the Indonesian people from all over
onesia. Deliberation was unanimous opinion that now comes the time to declare our
pendence.

thers and Sisters!

hereby declare that determination. Listen to our proclamation:

OCULATION

R NATION IS WITH INDONESIA INDONESIA MENYATAKAN INDEPENDENCE.

NGS TO TRANSFER OF POWERS AND OTHERS, HELD BY CAREFULLY AND
EMPO-shortest possible time.

ARTA, 17 AUGUST 1945

BEHALF OF THE NATION INDONESIA

ARNO -

Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends - hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism - these things are old. These things are true. They have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history. What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility - a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.

This is the price and the promise of citizenship.

This is the source of our confidence - the knowledge that God calls on us to shape an uncertain destiny.

This is the meaning of our liberty and our creed - why men and women and children of every race and every faith can join in celebration across this magnificent mall, and why a man whose father less than sixty years ago might not have been served at a local restaurant can now stand before you to take a most sacred oath.

So let us mark this day with remembrance of who we are and how far we have travelled. In the year of America's birth, in the coldest of months, a small band of patriots huddled by dying campfires on the shores of an icy river. The capital was abandoned. The enemy was advancing. The snow was stained with blood. At a moment when the outcome of our revolution was most in doubt, the father of our nation ordered these words be read to the people: "Let it be told to the future world...that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive...that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth

to meet [it].”

America. In the face of our common dangers, in this winter of our hardship, let us remember these timeless words. With hope and virtue, let us brave once more the icy currents, and endure what storms may come. Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations.

Thank you.

