

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED PEOPLE OF JAMAYKA

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for a people to dissolve the political systems that have bound them to a government which no longer secures their rights, a respect for truth and justice requires that they declare the causes which compel them to separation.

We, the free people, assembled in full authority, declare that all legitimate power originates from the people alone, and that government exists solely temporarily, to secure the inherent, natural, and inalienable rights of every person.

These rights include life, liberty, security, dignity, participation in governance, and the full enjoyment of one's faculties without unlawful restraint.

Whenever any system of government becomes destructive of these ends, fails to administer justice, denies participation, or acts in contempt of the people's rights, it is the right and duty of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new governance founded upon principles that secure their safety, equality, and future.

Prudence dictates that long-established systems should not be changed for light or transient causes. Yet when a consistent pattern of abuses, violations, and usurpations reveals a design to reduce the people under arbitrary authority, the obligation arises to act.

The present system of governance has failed in its essential duties:

1. It has denied effective participation of the people in decision-making.
2. It has imposed obligations without meaningful consent.
3. It has failed to provide equal protection under law.
4. It has obstructed justice and weakened the accountability of public officials.
5. It has exercised power beyond lawful authority.
6. It has ignored repeated petitions for redress and reform.
7. It has eroded confidence through inconsistency, inequity, and disregard for the public good.
8. It refuses to make public, the accounting of the consolidated fund.

9. It refuses to declare the necessity for high salaries and massive spending of our monies located within the nation's consolidated fund.

Such conditions demonstrate not isolated error, but a sustained departure from the purposes for which government is instituted.

History affirms that where authority is exercised without accountability, and where rights are ignored or treated as privileges, public calamities and corruption inevitably follow.

We have sought remedy through lawful means. We have raised grievances. We have called for correction. These efforts have been met with neglect, delay, or continued injury.

Therefore, necessity compels the conclusion that the existing system no longer derives its legitimacy from the consent of the governed.

In accordance with the inherent and imprescriptible rights of a people:

We declare that the political connection between the people and the present system of governance is dissolved.

We declare that the people are, and of right ought to be, a free, sovereign, and self-governing body, possessing full authority to establish a new system of governance that reflects their will, protects their rights, and ensures justice for all.

We further declare:

- That all authority shall arise from the people.
- That no power shall be exercised except by lawful grant of the people.
- That governance shall exist only to secure rights, not to diminish them.
- That all persons shall be equal under the law.
- That public officials shall remain accountable at all times with no possibility of immunity or pardon.

In forming this new foundation, we do not act from ambition, but from necessity; not to disrupt order, but to restore it; not to diminish society, but to preserve its dignity and future.

We affirm our commitment to:

- justice grounded in law
- equality without exception
- accountability in governance
- protection of rights for all persons
- peace with all nations, and hostility toward none who respect our sovereignty

With full awareness of the responsibility before us, and relying upon the principles of justice, reason, and the collective will of the people,

We solemnly declare and establish this independence.

And for the support of this Declaration, we mutually commit to one another our responsibility, our effort, and our enduring obligation to uphold the system of governance we now bring into being.

One people, One voice!