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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHILIP BUCHEN

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

City of Philadelphia Bicentennial
Day Declaration

The President reviewed your memorandum of March 4 on the above subject and signed the attached authorization to permit his signature to be used on Philadelphia's Bicentennial Day Declaration.

cc: Dick Cheney

*copy of file to Central
Files*
Original to Phil Buchen

Text of The Official Bicentennial Declaration of the People of the United States of America:

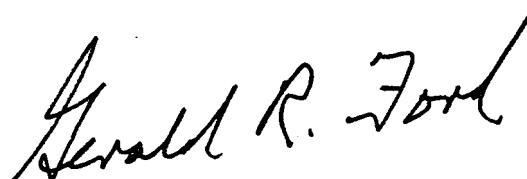
"On the occasion of the Bicentennial Anniversary of the United States of America, we the undersigned do proudly reaffirm our dedication to the principles of Liberty, Justice and Freedom which led our forefathers to proclaim our nation's Independence two hundred years ago, on this day and in this place.

It is our unshakable belief that these principles, applied to the affairs of each generation by a Government which recognizes that it does indeed derive its just powers from the consent of the governed, will continue to secure our rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness in the centuries to come as it has in the two centuries gone by."

July 4, 1776 - July 4, 1976
Independence Hall, Philadelphia

I hereby authorize a facsimile of my signature to appear on the Bicentennial Day Declaration.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "G".