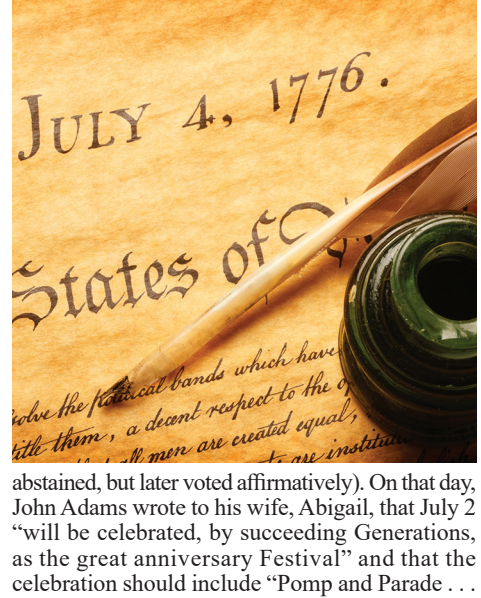


July 4: The Birth of American Independence

By History Channel

Variouly known as the Fourth of July and Independence Day, July 4 has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the eighteenth century and the American Revolution (1775 to 1783).
 In June of 1776, representatives of the thirteen colonies then fighting in the revolutionary struggle weighed a resolution that would declare their independence from Great Britain. On July 2, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later its delegates adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.
 From 1776 until the present day, July Fourth has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with typical festivities ranging from fireworks, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.
 When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired

complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in Thomas Paine's bestselling pamphlet *Common Sense*, published in early 1776.
 On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later called Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.
 On July 2, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee's resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation



abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife, Abigail, that July 2 "will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival" and that the celebration should include "Pomp and Parade . . .

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 Bid Date: August 10, 2022

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Contact: miguel.moralez@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
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 Thursday, July 7, 2022, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm Online
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Contact: Teresa Detelj, 212-264-7060, Man-Li.Lin@sba.gov
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Selling to the Federal Government Webinar
 Thursday, July 28, 2022, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm Online
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