

WE THE PEOPLE

FINDING PURPOSE

On the 1st in 1776, George Washington unveils the first flag, the Grand Union Flag.

In 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation is signed prior to the completion of the Civil War. While this did not grant freedom to all slaves, in all States, it was a beginning. The process that had been a part of national discussion was beginning to bear fruit.



On the 2nd in 1788, Georgia ratifies the Constitution, becoming the 4th State to do so. Their report in ratification, shows how they followed process in receiving the Constitution for consideration, planned for Counties in their State to gather, discuss and debate the merits of ratification. The final result, they consented to ratify and adopt the US Constitution.

On the 3rd in 1959 Alaska becomes a state (49th). Alaska's road to statehood, involved a transaction wherein the US bought the subject land from Russia in 1867. It appears that the Russian colonies, were costly and struggling. William Seward, believed in the Manifest Destiny of the United States and encouraged the acquisition. The transaction was completed for US\$7.2M.

On the 4th in 1896, Utah becomes a State (45th). Pioneers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, aka "Mormons", began arriving in the Utah Territory when it was under the control of the Mexican Government in 1847. By 1848 the War with Mexico was settled, and the early settlers began to plan for Statehood. After numerous attempts and 48 years, Statehood is granted. Utah's challenge for Statehood is surpassed only by New Mexico's, 60+ years.

On the 6th in 1912, New Mexico becomes a State (47th). No this is not a foreign country, but an actual State. In fact, General William T. Sherman is quoted as having said, "The United States ought to declare war on Mexico and make it take back New Mexico".

Also on the 6th in 2021, what will be known as "the Riot at the Capital" occurred which may be a turning point in how "**We the People**", galvanized and began to once again regain their voice. Recognizing that as society has changed terminology, the activities of January 6th, were not a Riot, in fact Americans of all persuasions begin to stand, taking back the title of Patriots as well as a need to hold School Boards and officials accountable. **The Red Wave begins.**

