

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

printed by a Woman in 1777 and 2009

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On July 4th, 1776 Congress authorized the first printing of the Declaration of Independence by John Dunlop. On January 18, 1777, Congress commissioned Mary Katherine Goddard to print a copy of the Declaration for each of the 13 colonies.



To honor Mary Katherine Goddard and our founding fathers, Mindy Belloff reproduced Goddard's elegant two-column design. She hand-set over 7,500 characters and letterpress printed the copies one at a time on handmade paper. Find out how Mindy Belloff reproduced this important document and learn about Goddard, Postmistress of Baltimore and printer of a weekly newspaper.

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