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[Test]:August 1775: The King Declares the Colonies to be in a State of Rebellion

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## **250 Years Ago: The Rebellion is Declared**

On August 23, 1775—nearly a year before the Declaration of Independence—King George III officially declared the American colonies to be in open rebellion.

This act marked a dramatic shift. Until then, many colonists still hoped for peace. But the King's Proclamation of Rebellion made reconciliation nearly impossible, casting American resistance as treason and calling on loyal subjects to suppress it.

The document accused the colonists of a "desperate conspiracy" and encouraged military suppression. It made negotiation nearly impossible, and set the colonies squarely on the path to declare independence.

Discover the document that declared the colonists rebels — [read the Proclamation of Rebellion](#) on its own or in context alongside other milestone documents in the [American Path to Independence](#).

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# March on Washington

**MINI DOCUMENTARY**

## From the Founders to the Civil Rights Movement: MLK's Dream

Nearly two centuries later, another American stood at a crossroads in history.

On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. In it, he invoked the Declaration of Independence as a promissory note that guaranteed the rights of all Americans, regardless of race.

King's words echoed the claims of the Founding, calling the nation to live up to its principles of liberty, equality, and natural rights.

This month, revisit the speech that challenged our nation to make good on its founding promises.

Watch the speech and discover how King drew strength from the Declaration — [watch our March on Washington Mini-Doc](#).

## Meet the MyImpact Challenge Grand Prize Winner



Every year, our MyImpact Challenge Invites students to bring civic virtues to life through service and leadership.

This year's grand prize winner is **William Mar**, who founded **Reach Through Rackets** to bring tennis to children with disabilities. Through regular clinics led by high school volunteers, children gain athletic skills while building confidence, connection, and perseverance. Reach Through Rackets has become a beacon of service, raising double its fundraising goal last year.

What began as William's passion project has grown into a model of consistent civic action, combining responsibility, compassion, and initiative in pursuit of the common good.

From local organizing to national change, all of the MyImpact Challenge winners embody the best of the American tradition: courage, responsibility, and active citizenship.

Celebrate students who are leading with impact — [meet the 2025 Winners.](#)



Programs like MyImpact Challenge empower students to live out the Founders' ideals, transforming civic virtues into real-world impact.

When you give to the Bill of Rights Institute, you help us continue to grow this program and others like it, helping more students learn, serve, and lead.

There's just one year left before America's 250th birthday. Join us in preparing the next generation to carry the torch of liberty.

Support the next generation of civic leaders — [donate to Support Civic Education.](#)



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