

independent Republic; and

WHEREAS, This Bicentennial Patriots' Pledge has been endorsed first by the Frederick County Bicentennial Committee, Frederick County Commissioners, and the Maryland Bicentennial Commission, has been made the official State pledge of the State of Ohio, and has been reprinted and circulated widely by individuals, churches, patriotic and civic organizations, and has been displayed in a number of United States Embassies throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Bicentennial Patriots' Pledge states as follows:

BICENTENNIAL PATRIOTS' PLEDGE

INSPIRED BY THE FOUNDING FATHERS, WE ALSO PLEDGE "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor" to the end that all men everywhere find the dignity of responsibility and the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness".

They said:

We pledge:

FREEDOM

Liberty can no more exist without virtue than the body can live and move without a soul.

To so live that America finds true freedom—not freedom to do as we wish, but freedom to do "the right as God gives us to see the right".

--John Adams

CORRUPTION

Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government.

To answer corruption in the nation, starting with absolute honesty in all our own dealings.

--George Washington

ECONOMY

~~I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt the greatest of dangers to be feared.~~
~~----- Thomas Jefferson~~

~~To buy on the basis of need and not of greed, and to refuse to make selfish demands of our workers, employers or government.~~

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