

**PERHAPS WE AMERICANS SHOULD CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY  
ON JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>?**

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John Adams' wrote home to his wife Abigail from Philadelphia on July 3, 1776, as follows:

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epoque, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

July 2, 1776 was the date the Continental Congress voted to approve Richard Henry Lee's resolution declaring independence from Britain for 13 of the British colonies in America. The actual Declaration was not signed until two days later. Jefferson had a slow go writing with the Quill and Ink or maybe he was learning Windows 8.

Adam's view is consistent with modern times when we celebrate or deride a Congressional vote. Food for Thought.

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