



## ***Program for the Fourth Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Declaration of Independence Recitation Event*** *Starting at 10:30 am on the North Andover Common*

- **Opening Remarks & Program Narration** – [Sheila Hoffman](#), *Executive Director, North Andover Historical Society*
- ***I Hear Them All/This Land is .. Medley*** – performed by [Rockwood Taylor](#)
- ***North Andover Land Acknowledgement*** – read by [Alex Bace](#), North Andover High School student.
- ***The Declaration of Independence*** – read by State Representative [Tram Nguyen](#) and State Senator [Barry Finegold](#).
- Excerpts from ***What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?*** by Frederick Douglass (7/5/1852) – read by [Albert Pless](#), Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Andover.
- ***Stand Up*** – sung by [Annakiya Kilpatrick-Marshall](#)
- ***The Gettysburg Address*** by Abraham Lincoln (11/19/1863) – read by [Lisa Mair](#), Braver Angels Ambassador.
- ***Ghosts of Antietam*** – performed by [Rockwood Taylor](#)
- Excerpts from ***I Have a Dream*** by Martin Luther King, Jr (8/28/1963) – performed by [Ralph Bledsoe](#), *Physics and Chemistry Teacher at Andover High School*
- ***Get Together*** – performed by [Bill Putnam & Martin McGrath](#)
- Excerpts from President Lyndon Johnson’s Speech to Congress entitled ***Voting Rights and the American Promise*** (3/15/1965) – read by [Viginia Leigh](#), a clinical social worker and past candidate for Sheriff.
- **Closing Remarks** – [Sheila Hoffman](#), *Executive Director, North Andover Historical Society*
- ***Let’s Work Together*** – performed by [Bill Putnam & Martin McGrath](#)

The Event is sponsored by the Friends of the 1836 Meeting House, the North Andover Historical Society, and the North Andover Festival Committee with financial support from Mass Humanities.

The Friends has received a Grant from Mass Humanities to cover some event expenses.

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The Event Coordinator is John Lennhoff, Treasurer of the Friends. Contact: [Friends@1836MeetingHouse.org](mailto:Friends@1836MeetingHouse.org)

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