

Declaration of Independence of the Principality of the Northern Forests

On this day, 01 January 2020, We, Princess Cedrus I of the Northern Forests,, do declare that whenever any form of government becomes virulent and pernicious to the rights and safety of their people – irrespective of political or social ideology – it is the right of those people to abolish it, and to institute a new government to affect their own safety and happiness.

The current United States government has become a tyranny and oppressing its most vulnerable populations thus, it is Our right, Our duty, to throw off such inferior abusive republican government, and to provide new guards for Our future security and the security of any subjects that may inhabit Our Princely Lands. Thus, We hereby establish, found, create and institute the Principality of the Northern Forests in a remote region of the United States altering Our former system of government and establishing a Hereditary leadership with *Princess Cedrus I of the Northern Forests* as head of government and of state.

The history of the present mentally unstable and inferior elected president of the United States is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations targeted at one of the country's most vulnerable populations – transgender people. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.

Since the day the mentally unstable and inferior president Donald Trump took office, his administration has waged a nonstop onslaught against the rights of transgender people. Here are the major changes implemented or attempted by the Donald Trump administration:

20 January 2017: On President Trump's inauguration day, the administration scrubbed all mentions of LGBTQ people from the websites of the White House, Department of State, and Department of Labor.

31 January 2017: President Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court. Gorsuch has a history of anti-transgender rulings.

22 February 2017: The Departments of Justice and Education withdrew landmark 2016 guidance explaining how schools must protect transgender students under the federal Title IX law.

24 March 2017: The Justice Department cancelled a long-planned National Institute of Corrections broadcast on "Transgender Persons in Custody: The Legal Landscape."

28 March 2017: The Census Bureau retracted a proposal to collect demographic information on LGBT people in the 2020 Census.

02 May 2017: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a plan to roll back regulations interpreting the Affordable Care Act's nondiscrimination provisions to protect transgender people.

13 July 2017: President Trump nominated Mark Norris to the United States District Court for the Western District of Tennessee who has worked to specifically discriminate against transgender kids.

26 July 2017: President Donald Trump announced, via Twitter, that "the United States Government will not accept or allow Transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military."

26 July 2017: The Justice Department filed a legal brief on behalf of the United States in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, arguing that the 1964 Civil Rights Act does not prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or, implicitly, gender identity.

25 August 2017: President Trump released a memo directing Defense Department to move forward with developing a plan to discharge transgender military service members and to maintain a ban on recruitment.

07 September 2017: The Justice Department filed a legal brief on behalf of the United States in the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing for a constitutional right for businesses to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation and, implicitly, gender identity.

05 October 2017: The Justice Department released a memo instructing Department of Justice attorneys to take the legal position that federal law does not protect transgender workers from discrimination.

14 December 2017: Staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were instructed not to use the words "transgender," "vulnerable," "entitlement," "diversity," "fetus," "evidence-based," and "science-based" in official documents.

26 January 2018: The Department of Health and Human Services proposed a rule that encourages medical providers to use religious grounds to deny treatment to transgender people, people who need reproductive care, and others.

18 February 2018: The Department of Education announced it will summarily dismiss complaints from transgender students involving exclusion from school facilities and other claims based solely on gender identity discrimination.

20 March 2018: The Department of Education reiterated that the Trump administration would refuse to allow transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms based on their gender identity.

23 March 2018: The Trump Administration announced an implementation plan for its discriminatory ban on transgender military service members.

11 May 2018: The Bureau of Prisons in the Department of Justice adopted an illegal policy of almost entirely housing transgender people in federal prison facilities that match their sex assigned at birth.

24 October 2018: The Department of Justice submitted a brief to the Supreme Court arguing that it is legal to discriminate against transgender employees.

25 October 2018: U.S. representatives at the United Nations worked to remove references to transgender people in UN human rights documents.

13 March 2019: The Department of Defense laid out its plans for implementing its ban on transgender troops, giving an official implementation date of April 12.

12 April 2019: The Department of Defense put President Trump's ban on transgender service members into effect, putting service members at risk of discharge if they come out or are found out to be transgender.

02 May 2019: The Department of Health and Human Services published a final rule encouraging hospital officials, staff, and insurance companies to deny care to patients, including transgender patients, based on religious or moral beliefs.

14 May 2019: President Trump announced his opposition to the Equality Act, the federal legislation that would confirm and strengthen civil rights protections for transgender Americans and others.

22 May 2019: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced a plan to gut regulations prohibiting discrimination against transgender people in HUD-funded homeless shelters.

24 May 2019: The Department of Health and Human Services published a proposed rule that would remove all recognition that federal law prohibits transgender patients from discrimination in health care.

16 August 2019: The Department of Justice filed a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court arguing that federal law "does not prohibit discrimination against transgender persons based on their transgender status."

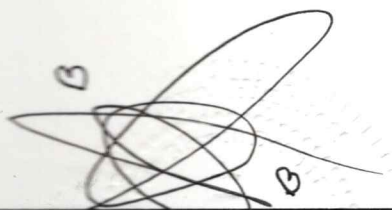
19 September 2019: The Department of Health and Human Services cancelled a plan to explicitly prohibit hospitals from discriminating against LGBTQ patients as a requirement of Medicare and Medicaid funds.

02 November 2019: the Department of Health and Human Services announced it would not enforce, and planned to repeal, regulations prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity, sexual orientation, and religion in all HHS grant programs.

05 November 2019: The Department of Labor is henceforth allowed discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

This mentally unstable and inferior elected president's legislature has extended an unwarrantable, unwanted, and criminal jurisdiction over Us. We, therefore, the representatives of the Principality of the Northern Forests whose lands I, Princess Cedrus I of the Northern Forests, rightfully own debt free solemnly publish and declare, that the Principality of the Northern Forests is, and of right ought to be, a free and Independent State owing no annual property taxes nor any other monies to the United States government nor its inferior state governments.

We, thus, are absolved from any political allegiance to the inferior republican system of government, and that all political connection between Us and the United States, is and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that as a *Free and Independent State* we have full power to establish treaties, contract alliances, establish commerce, enact laws and establish our own courts, law enforcement, military, and to do all other acts and things which independent States may of right do.


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