



CONTINENTAL CONGRESS TO DO LIST, SUMMER '76:

- DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
- PLAN FOR FORMING FOREIGN ALLIANCES
- PLAN FOR CONFEDERATION

JUNE 7 Richard Henry Lee's resolution is presented

JUNE 8 Congress resolves itself into a committee of the whole to consider the Lee Resolution, then postpones decision until Monday

JUNE 10 Congress postpones consideration of the Lee Resolution for three weeks, while also agreeing that a committee should be appointed to prepare a declaration of independence

JUNE 11 A committee of five members — John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R. Livingston, and Roger Sherman — is chosen to prepare the declaration, and Congress resolves that committees should be appointed to prepare plans for confederation and forming treaties with foreign powers

JUNE 12 Congress appoints a committee to prepare articles of confederation, with one member from each colony, as well as a committee of five members to prepare a plan for treaties

JUNE 28 The committee appointed to prepare the declaration presents their draft to Congress

JULY 1 Congress resolves itself into a committee of the whole to consider the Lee Resolution, then postpones decision until Tuesday

JULY 2 Congress votes in favor of the Lee Resolution, agrees to consider the declaration of the committee

JULY 3 Congress resolves into a committee of the whole to consider the declaration

JULY 4 Congress votes in favor of the Declaration of Independence, then orders that the Declaration be printed and distributed

JULY 12 The committee appointed to prepare the Articles of Confederation presents their draft to Congress

JULY 18 The committee appointed to prepare a plan for treaties presents their report to Congress

JULY 19 Congress resolves that the Declaration of Independence should be engrossed on parchment and signed by the members of Congress

AUGUST 2 Signing of the engrossed parchment Declaration of Independence begins