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COUNCILMEMBER - DISTRICT 3

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To My Beloved Community of Residents, Neighbors and Friends,

As we enjoy far smaller social gatherings and alternatives to our traditional firework displays this weekend, please join me in reflecting upon the meaning of this most special of holidays, America's Independence.

This commemoration of the Declaration of Independence is about values and ideologies steeped in observation in our actions and audible in our language. Independence Day symbolizes the right to choose your own religion and practice your faith—or no faith—openly and without persecution. Freedom is everything in our country, and we thank those who gave their lives in support of a concept which continues to be our collective dream, particularly in today's complex world.

As restrictions continue to soften during the unmerciful COVID-19 pandemic, our efforts to keep ourselves, our families and our community safe remain paramount. The basic principles are the same: keep social distance, wear a facial covering, frequently wash your hands, practice good hygiene, and embrace the safer at home mandate. Please continue to avoid large gatherings and non-essential trips and visits.

For a free 4th of July show that you can enjoy from the safety and comfort of your own home, we invite and encourage you to join us in the 94th Annual AmericaFest Celebration. Register for this fun, virtual activity by visiting: [www.rosebowlstadium.com](http://www.rosebowlstadium.com).

Happy Fourth of July!

Respectfully yours,

John J. Kennedy