

## July 4, 2020 In Search of Celebration

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” – Preamble to the Declaration of Independence. Written, July 4, 1776.*

Our “great experiment” (Tocqueville) of democracy and capitalism is aspirational. Students of American history know that the journey has been complicated and never perfect. Today, we are being reminded that Democracy and its movements can be messy... and, often painful. Yet, we seek reasons to celebrate.

- The document, while we believe not perfect, led to the founding of our new nation.
- Today, many are striving to have more honest conversations about humanitarian values, equality, and “independence.”
- We are learning that each generation finds its voice and the next generation is better for it.
- Amidst the noise, many are listening, thinking, recalibrating old paradigms.
- Yes, we are being “tested.” Like past “tests,” we believe will be the better for it.
- As investors, we remember that the rest of the world seeks to invest in the US dollar.

Celebrate Independence Day. Celebrate the founding of our country. Celebrate America’s aspiration to be a land of hope and opportunity. Celebrate that in the midst of the present, there is always hope in the future; we can still be encouraged and encourage each other.

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