



The Assembly of the Venetian People

The Institution of Self-Government of the Venetian People

The State of Venetia – Venices, Friuli, Lombard and Mantua

Declaration of Sovereignty and Independence of the Venetian People

We, the members of the Assembly of the Venetian People, the Institution for the Self-Government of the Venetian People:

In pursuance of the right to self-determination, and to the heritage of our international rights, affirm that this Assembly represents and exercises the rights to sovereignty of the Venetian People with regard to their culture, democratic traditions and institutional roles.

In our role as the Assembly, we are the successors of the High Council of the Venetian Republic and to this end we propose to exercise the rights of the Venetian People, by whom we are judged by means of free and truthful consultations. Therefore

we hereby declare

the Venetian People sovereign and independent in all of their territories in the path of international law.

Signed by the 12 members elected to represent the Venetian People and by other citizens including the Head of Government and the President of the Court on 15th March 2009 in Conegliano.



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Declaration of Independence

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organising its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience has shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is then their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of the Venetian People; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government. The history of the present Italian Republic, illegal occupant of the territory of the Venetian People in that it was created by the alteration of the Kingdom of Italy by illegally annexing the territories by means of fraud, deception, military occupation, and the violation of international treaties without the democratic consultation of the Venetian People, is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these territories. To prove this, let facts be submitted in all good faith to a candid world.

1. The Italian Republic cannot guarantee that its Republican Constitution is respected by its administrative bodies, the State and its Judges, who have come to form self-referential classes that are free to violate its principles with impunity.
2. The laws are written in a language which is incomprehensible to most Venetians, and they are also open to a variety of interpretations thereby allowing judges to consider serious crimes or misdemeanours and innocuous mistakes as the same, or allowing all judges to declare themselves incompetent for the same question (CCIAA) condemning citizens to complete and absolute uncertainty as to the law.
3. Judges are never made to answer for their professional errors or failings, which is also in violation of the referendum approved by the citizens that demanded civil liability of the judges.
4. Such a judicial system enables the Judge of Venice, with the ruling of 20.02.2008, to declare an absolute lack of jurisdiction with regard to the Venetian People's objections and their demands for Self-Determination, whilst other judges declare appeals presented on the basis of these same objections and demands to be inadmissible.
5. The right to a fair and impartial trial is constantly denied to the Venetians who appeal to this important principle of international law.
6. Those in Parliament are conditioned by the mafia criminality that controls voting and imposes its own candidates so they represent more than 30% of all those elected.
7. The Head of the Italian Government, Berlusconi, is a person who is ineligible and cannot hold this appointment based on the constitutional requirements.
8. Undeclared work and tax evasion are tolerated in many areas of the State and ruthlessly repressed in the territory of the Venetians.
9. Taxes are imposed inconsistently across the land, creating discrimination even between Venetians, and often the Constitution is not respected with regard to the citizens' tax-paying capacities.
10. The Venetian territories' tax burden is more than 70% of their gross territorial product; we are exploited like slaves with more than 120 new taxes: we just work, work, work to sustain the privileges of the parasites.
11. The State has invented the "removal" by law of 30% of the value of productive land: millions of Euros from production are given to the State's imperial bureaucracy.
12. With regard to taxes that have been paid, the Venetians, who are the most virtuous people in Europe, are systematically accused of tax evasion and it is in their territory where the Italian government focuses its controls and implements sectoral studies like a demented tyrant.
13. This Republic allows the State to dishonour, by ignoring or failing to apply, the laws (340/71) and the signed international treaties (881/77) that sanction the right for self-determination of the Venetian People.
14. It has divided the Venetian People into different entities (Veneti, Trentini, Friuliani, Giuliani and Lombard provinces) with different rights and diverse specificities to augment their disintegration and struggle.
15. It has denied the Venetian People their right to cultivate their own language, their own history, their own culture and their own traditions by imposing a homogenised educational system with colonising teachers.
16. It has enslaved our young people who are forced into decades of borrowing if they want to create a home or a family, and the young couples, tormented by debts, are unlikely to have children and are obliged to work way beyond the bounds of legality in order to cover the oppressive tax burden of the Italian State if they want to lead a half decent life.
17. It discriminates against our elderly citizens by often denying pensions due to insufficient contributions and favours every type of immigrant beyond the bounds of legality.
18. It persistently refuses us our right to security and safety and abandons us to the criminal incursions and the common delinquency of hordes of uncivilised invaders that come here with impunity from all over the world.
19. It has guiltily blacked out, thereby violating the international treaties ratified with Law 881/77, the Free National Elections of the Venetian People of 25th January 2009 which were announced to all the mayors, provincial presidents, regional presidents and all prefects of the Italian State in the territory which was Lombard-Veneto until 1866 as well as the President of the Italian Republic and the Italian Interior Minister.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injustices. A State, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a Free People. And conversely nor have we been wanting in attentions to our Italian neighbours. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by made by the Italian State to deny us the right to self-determination and to continue with this illegal occupation. We have even filed an appeal with the European Court of Human Rights against the Italian State, but the uncertainty of the times and the risk of international intrigue forces us once again to take up our responsibilities.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the Venetian People, gathered in this Assembly, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by the authority of the good people of the Venetian territories solemnly publish and declare: that these people in these territories, which were Lombard-Veneto until 1866, as the territories of the Venetian People are, and of right ought to be free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the Italian State and that all political connection between them and the State of Italy, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and independent states, they have full power to defend themselves under international law, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which independent states may rightfully do.

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.

THE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY

OTHER SIGNATORIES