

Rough Draft of Statement for Adoption and Release by Jacksonville  
Conference

DECLARATION AT JACKSONVILLE

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Meeting here in Jacksonville, Florida, on this 20th day of January, 1952, we, the accredited representatives of 100,000 members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 15 southern states, reaffirm our unwavering loyalty to the deathless principles of democracy for which Harry T. Moore gave his life.

As American citizens and as believers in the essential humanity of all mankind, we here today solemnly pledge our total resources to the struggle to establish throughout our native southland freedom, justice, equality and security for every citizen.

In the presence of Almighty God, whose aid and guidance we beseech, we take a sacred vow to pursue this goal to the end that no man, woman or child in our land need suffer insult, humiliation, discrimination or violence solely because of his race, color, religion or national origin.

We will continue the fight for

1. The right to security of person against the organized violence of lawless mobsters;
2. The right to vote as free men in a free land;
3. The right to employment opportunity in accordance with our individual merits;
4. The right of our children to attend the best educational institutions supported by public funds;
5. The right to serve our country in unsegregated units of the armed services;
6. The right to travel unrestricted by Jim Crow regulations; and

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7. The right to go among our fellow Americans as free men in a free society.

These are the goals for which Harry T. Moore worked and fought and finally made the supreme sacrifice. In dedication to these goals, we accept our rendezvous with destiny. We shall not fail you, Harry Moore. We shall keep the faith.

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