

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MICHAEL NEWDOW, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

HON. JOHN ROBERTS, JR., et al.,

Defendants.

Civil case No. 1:08-cv-02248-RBW

**PLAINTIFFS' FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT, APPENDIX G
REDACTED DECLARATIONS OF NEW INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS
#2 OF 8 (A-C)**

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I, *Marsha W. Abelman*, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oregon.

I am a member of American Humanist Association, Humanists of Greater Portland, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Until my recent move to Oregon, I was on the Board of Directors of the Freethinkers of Colorado Springs, also a humanist group.

I consider myself a humanist.

I have seen 12 televised inaugurations, beginning with President Kennedy in 1961.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama on television, later on the Internet and many times in repeat broadcasts on television.

As I watched this inauguration, I felt joy to be living in a free country where I, though a woman and only one person, can have a voice in the election of my leaders. However, as in recent years, I also felt a fear that we are seeing a government-sanctioned endorsement of a particular religion. The very fact that there was so much news coverage about who would lead religious PRAYERS at the swearing in of my new President was chilling. And I felt fear for the future of freedom of religion in this country.

I do not understand why religious rituals are conducted at governmental functions.

It is not simplistic to say that we can have separation of church and state, as our forefathers envisioned, without denying anyone the right to practice their religion. But we cannot have a blending of church and state without denying many the right to abstain from practicing religion.

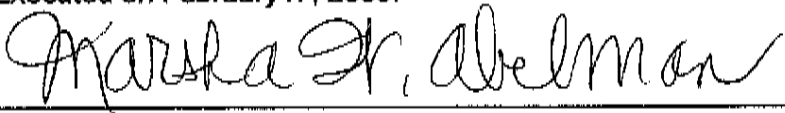
And the blending of church and state, which seems to be growing since 1960 when presidential candidate John Kennedy assured Americans that his church would not guide his governing, is something that our founders saw as threatening to a robust government.

Chief Justice Roberts was blending church and state when he added the phrase "So help me God" to the oath of office. He violated the Constitution's non establishment clause, the statement of our Founders that government and religion are separate entities and should be preserved as separate entities.

Being 62 years old, I expect to witness 8 more future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 17, 2009.



Marsha W. Abelman
401 SW 173rd Avenue
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I,

declare as follows:

- I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Colorado.
- I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation.
- I consider myself an atheist.
- I have watched the inaugurations of 1997 and 2001 on television at my home.
- I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama by recording it on our digital video recorder and playing it back later.
- As I watched this inauguration, I was struck by the overt expression of religion, and specifically that of christianity, at several points in what should have been a strictly secular function.
- Being fifty years old, I expect to witness at least ten future inaugurations during my lifetime.
- My two children, having been raised to rely on reason and compassion for other humans (and indeed, all life) in making decisions, were also incredulous that our government (and its leaders) would call upon faith in a nonexistent god that arose as a myth before humankind understood the true nature of the universe and life that has been developed through rigorous scientific investigation. For the President of the United States of America to rely on the laying of a hand on a bible and to recite "so help me God" at the end of the oath of office, and to have two christian clergy lead our entire nation in prayer, is just inconceivable. Likewise, "In god we trust" should not be present on any monetary instruments of the US government, and "under god" should not be a part of the pledge of allegiance to a country that was founded as a secular state. One would think that the United States is a theocracy! It is frightening to me, and very disenfranchising. We should trust in our reason, and never turn to prayer to gods that do not exist, in making rationale choices and decisions as to what we do as individuals and what we do as a country.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
- Executed on 13 February 2009.

I, *Stephen Aldred* declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Tennessee.

I am a member of *The Freedom From Religion Foundation* and I am a director of *Memphis Freethought Alliance*.

I consider myself an Atheist.

I have *watched the inaugurations of 1993, 2001 and 2005 on television at my home.*

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama *live on television at my home, and later on the Internet.*

As I watched this inauguration, I *felt myself to be a second class citizen as the prayers and references to a supernatural being were directed at the majority of first class citizens. I wanted the President to lead the Government, not a God.*

Being *61* years old, I expect to witness *at least 5* future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February *18th* 2009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Aldred", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Aldred, PO Box 966, Whiteville, TN 38075

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Colorado.

I am a member of The Colorado Springs Freethinkers.

I consider myself a humanist.

I have watched every Presidential inauguration since President James Earl Carter's, including the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama this year at work on television as part of my civic duty as a voting Citizen of the United States (though my first voting election was 1980).

As I watched this inauguration, I noted once again that religious intonations were promulgated as part of the 'ceremony', further clouding the true intent of the Establishment Clause and providing tacit approval of certain views over others. This smug crushing of my right to be fairly represented and smearing of my morality by those of differing personal view must stop. I hereby request relief from such unconstitutional prejudice by the Clergy and the Chief Justice of the Court by the court system enforcing the Constitution it is charged with defending, including the rights of ALL citizens and not merely those of a religious majority whom the Constitution was written to defend those of minority religious or non-religious view.

Being 47 years old, I expect to witness 10 - 19 future inaugurations during my lifetime. My son is six and was subjected to this inauguration at his school, against my wishes because I knew that this affront would be presented and that it would be praised and encouraged, further damaging my ability to raise a freethinking individual able to separate what is true from what is pressed upon him by others.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 18th, 2009.

I, Linda Allewalt, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Kentucky.

I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the Secular Coalition, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State, both the national and the local Louisville chapter of AU.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have seen on television the inaugurations of Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Bush, Clinton, Bush and Obama.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama on television.

As I watched this inauguration, I felt a great sense of pride in our country for moving past racism and choosing Mr. Obama. However, as a non-theistic American citizen, I was disappointed in the new President's choice to favor Protestant Christianity in his ceremony in such obvious ways, and I was disheartened to hear so many references to a deity and supplications for that deity's favor. It left me wondering if the new President will also hold me in his thoughts and if my views will have any representation.

Being 58 years old, I expect to witness at least 5 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 13, 2009.

Linda Allewalt

I, Isadora Alman, MFT, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of California.

I am a member of *Freedom From Religion Foundation and American Humanist Association.*

I consider myself an *atheist humanist.*

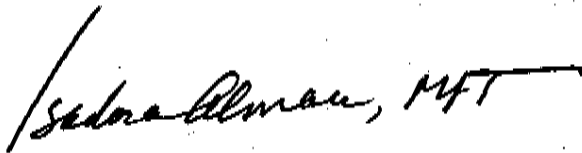
I have watched the inaugurations of 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, and 2005 on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration I would have been much happier with it had prayers, God, and all religious references been omitted. My 6 year old granddaughter watched with me and commented on why they put the word God into everything. I told her I hoped that by the time she voted they would no longer do so.

Being 68 years old, I hope to witness one or two more future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 18, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Isadora Alman, MFT". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Isadora Alman, Marriage & Family Therapist

917 Walnut Street

Alameda, CA 94501

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Texas.

I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation and consider myself a freethinking humanist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1989, 1993, 2001 and 2005 on television at my home.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I felt proud and honored that not only did we elect an African-American as a president, but that pride was sullied as I watched the Chief Justice and administer a religious oath that wasn't even part of the constitutional design of the oath of office. In a ceremony designed to honor the best America has to offer, I found it to be disappointing that someone would allow their personal beliefs to dishonor the framework of our government and the ceremony itself.

Being 37 years old, I expect to witness nine future inaugurations during my lifetime.

My two children already receive instruction from me on how to duck the prejudice and hate they receive for being atheists, and I am very concerned about what type of world they will grow into as this blatant disregard for a separation of church and state grows with them. If the Chief Justice doesn't abide by the constitution, why should anyone else? If other government agencies do not abide by it, how can our country continue to grow and thrive?

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

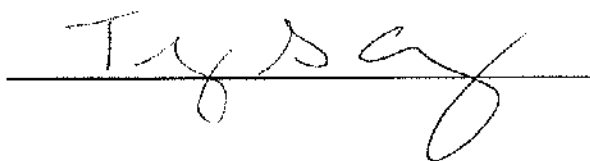
Executed on February 13, 2009.

I, **Timothy G. Avery**, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Ohio.
2. I am a member of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, American Atheists, and webmaster for GotAtheism.com.
3. I consider myself an atheist.
4. I have watched the inaugurations of 1993 and 2001 on television at my home.
5. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television on both CNN and ABC.
6. As I watched this inauguration, I was offended at the non-inclusive nature of some of the parts, particularly the invocation by Rick Warren. He does not speak for me, and as a citizen of this country, I was under the impression that my patriotism should not be called into question because I don't believe in Mr. Warren's (or any other) god. As I'm sure The Pastor and many others would be offended by pleadings to Buddha or Allah during the presidential inauguration, I think it is entirely inappropriate to violate the First Amendment in this manner.
7. I was similarly troubled by Chief Justice Roberts' choice to add the phrase "so help me God" to the end of the inaugural address. I'm not a constitutional scholar, but I believe (A) the Constitution forbids a religious test as a condition of holding office, and (B) this is not part of the oath dictated in the Constitution.
8. Being 37 years old, I expect to witness at least 10 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 23, 2009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Avery", is written over a horizontal line.

I, **DONALD P. BALZANO**, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of California.

I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

I consider myself a freethinking humanist.

I have watched the following inaugurations on live television:

- 1957 from my parents' home
- 1961 with friends from high school at one of their parents' home
- 1963 (events) from a college dormitory
- 1965 from my fraternity house
- 1969, 1973, 1974, 1985, 1993, 1997, and 2005 from my home
- 1977, 1981, 1989, and 2001 were viewed from my place of employment

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on cable at my home, and later from the DVR on which we recorded the event.

As I watched this inauguration, I was so offended by both the invocation by Warren and (lesser so) by the benediction by Lowery. Calling upon god and whatever other powers one could think of, and by a seemingly snake-oil salesman at that, certainly dampened my otherwise excitement about the possibility of having a leader with intelligence and promise for a change. Even the benediction, which thankfully contained elements of freedom and equality and responsibility that surpass the existence or non-existence of a creator and protector, should never have been offered. And the "so help me god" addition to the other obvious mistakes made by Roberts utterly completed what had become a religious event, rather than a great American national moment.

Although I am 63 years old, years old, I fully expect to witness at least five (5) future presidential inaugurations during my lifetime.

I have three (3) young grandchildren who are being taught the value and importance of rational and free thinking. It is so difficult to explain to them why there are constant references to god during such an important civic ceremony. If they do not follow this god, are they less a part of the inauguration, or is Obama more of a leader and symbol of hope to the theists than he is to them?

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 13, 2009 at Long Beach, California.



Donald P. Balzano

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Wisconsin.

I am a member of Freedom From Religion Foundation.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1989 and 1993 on television at my home.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama tape recorded on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I was shocked to hear the oath and prayers. It made me unhappy to see the constitution being dishonored so obviously.

Being 38 years old, I expect to witness 6 or more future inaugurations during my lifetime.

My minor children saw the inauguration and I expect they will view the next inauguration, and I believe their viewing the "so help me God" and clergy-led prayer will adversely affect them. I feel their view of future inaugurals will be confusing, since the Christian faith is being favored and the first amendment states that there will be freedom of religion. I feel my children are being harmed emotionally and mentally due to this practice. They should not be subject to watching clergy-led prayer or hear the president say "so help me God" during the oath of office. This could be damaging their self-esteem and sense of worth.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

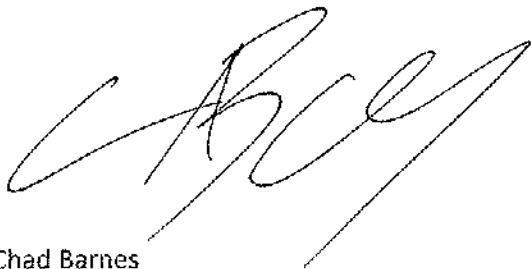
Executed on February 13, 2009.

I, Chad Barnes, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Virginia.
2. I consider myself an atheist, a skeptic, and a secular humanist.
3. I have watched the inaugurations of 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001 and 2005 on television at my home, and I hope to one day watch an inauguration in person in Washington, DC.
4. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home, and later on the Internet.
5. As I watched this inauguration, I felt distressed by the obvious endorsement of religious belief when Justice Roberts deviated from the text specified in our Constitution and ad-libbed "so help you god" to the Presidential oath. It was strange to see all of the clergy and the prayers invoking god and Jesus Christ, as if this were the coronation of a monarch, rather than the inauguration of a democratically-elected President. I take no issue with President Obama stating "so help me god", as he is certainly entitled to the free expression of his own religious beliefs, but he should not have been led into saying it by Justice Roberts.
6. Being 28 years old, I expect to witness up to 18 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 24, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chad Barnes', written in a cursive style.

Chad Barnes

800 Lombardy Ave #8222

Newport News, VA 23606 USA

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Washington. I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation. I am a nonreligious and nontheistic American.

I watched the presidential inaugurations of 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001, and 2005 on television at my home. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on the Internet. Being 44 years old, I expect to witness at least eight future inaugurations.

As I watched the 2009 inauguration, I was offended by the invocation and benediction for the same reason that I sued (unsuccessfully) to stop similar prayers at my _____ graduation in _____. It was insulting that my government asked me (and all other participants) to engage in a religious ritual. Organizing and encouraging participation in religious rituals is not the government's job. It was especially offensive that the government asked me to engage in an activity that represents the direct *opposite* of my belief system: I don't pray and don't believe in gods. By asking me to pray to a god, the government was assuming and implicitly stating that all true Americans *should* pray and *should* believe in a god (in the case of the invocation, Jesus in particular). I am outraged that my government implied that I'm not a true American.

Every instance of "we" and "us" in those prayers (such as "Let us pray" and "Jesus, who taught us to pray") was an insult. I am not part of that "us." Thus, I was excluded and treated like a second-class citizen, who should patiently wait until the real Americans (i.e., those who were members of the "us" class) finish their religious ritual. During the prayers (which together consumed about one-sixth of the ceremony), only a subset of Americans—theists—were being addressed. This would be as offensive and inappropriate as a significant section of the inauguration being addressed only to white Americans. There should no white-only part of the inauguration. Likewise, there should be no theist-only part. Every part of the inauguration should be for all Americans.

I was also offended by the phrase "so help me God." It is offensive that the current government, unlike the authors of the Constitution, who included no reference to a deity in the presidential oath of office, deems the president incapable of fulfilling his duties without supernatural aid. It is offensive that future presidents will be pressured to continue repeating this phrase; the first president who does not use those words will certainly be demonized as a nonbeliever. No one taking a government oath should have to fear a backlash for refusing to recite a ceremonial religious test.

My 4½-year-old twins watched the 2009 inauguration on television, and I expect that they will watch the 2013 inauguration. Hearing the clergy-led prayers and the "so help me God" phrase in 2013 (when they will be 8½) may lead them to wonder why the government is promoting theism when they are not theists, their parents are not theists, and their parents do not teach, encourage, or endorse theism or religious beliefs of any kind. They, too, may feel excluded and insulted. It is and will continue to be offensive to me that what I teach my children about a private matter (religion) will be contradicted by my government, which harms my parental rights and freedom of conscience.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 17, 2009.

I, Lawrence William Beat, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Florida.

I am a member and financial supporter of the following organizations: American Atheists, American Humanist Association, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Atheist Alliance International, Council for Secular Humanism and Freedom From Religion Foundation.

I consider myself a Secular Humanist and an Atheist. I am also a veteran who spent the best 20 years of my life defending the Constitution as a sergeant in the United States Air Force. Despite the popular and disrespectful canard, there are indeed many Atheists in our American foxholes!

I have watched every inauguration on television at my home since president Reagan: 1981, 1985, 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001 and 2005.

I also watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at work, and for the next few days, watched all the video clip coverage of the inauguration on the various cable television news programs at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I was very impressed, especially by the inclusion of classical music and the president's inclusion of non-believers in the list of America's beliefs. However, all the prayers made me feel excluded from the political process and a second-class citizen. But, when Chief Justice Roberts asked the president to say, "So help me God," I felt threatened and sick to my stomach. Polls consistently show that Atheists are the most despised people in America. With both the Chief Justice and the new president calling on a mythical being for guidance, the threat to my worldview is clearly justified.

Being 57 years old, I expect to witness 6 or more future inaugurations during my lifetime. I am very much looking forward to a completely secular inauguration, devoid of all divisive sectarian rituals and endorsements.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 14th day of February 2009.



Lawrence W. Beat, USAF, Retired
177 Marcia Drive
PO Box 232
Mary Esther, Florida 32569

I, Zachary Becker, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Texas.

I consider myself a Buddhist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1997, 2001, and 2005 on television.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television in my workplace.

As I watched this inauguration, I noted that Chief Justice Roberts posed the question, "So help you God?" to President Obama, as an appendix to the oath of office, which I found to be an intrusive imposition of religious preference upon a secular ceremony. Being that the oath of office is constitutionally required, I find it offensive that the Chief Justice would impose this religious test upon the President.

Being 31 years old, I expect to witness twelve future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 24, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Zachary Becker
2807 Stone Way Dr.
Houston, TX 77082

I, *G. Jan Beekhuis*, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of California
I am a member of *Freedom From Religion Foundation*.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 2001, 2005 and several before that.

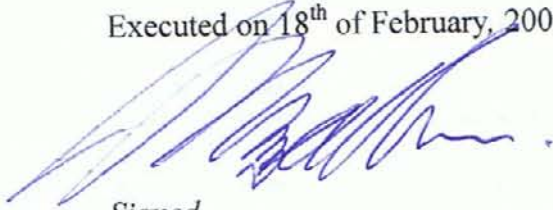
I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I was dismayed to hear, once again, the words "so help me God", and to hear the preachers who do not represent the principles of our country.

Being seventy seven years old, I expect to witness 4-5 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 18th of February, 2009.



Signed

G. Jan Beekhuis
171 Alamo Hills Court, Alamo, CA 94507

I, Marc J. Benedict, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

I am a member of Freedom from Religion Foundation and Pennsylvania Nonbelievers.

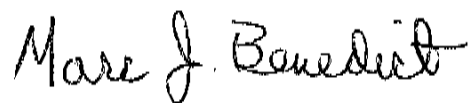
I consider myself an atheist/realist.

My first recollection of watching an inauguration begins with John F. Kennedy in 1961. But as years have passed, I have been increasingly alienated when watching what should be a proud event for all Americans. In grade school civics class, we were taught that the Founders thought the Oath of the Presidency to be so important that it is the only prescribed oath in the entire U.S. Constitution. This secular document retired the idea that political power came in some miraculous way from the heavens and established, instead, that power was derived in the great body of "We, the People". Increasingly, I feel disenfranchised when the Constitution has been so blatantly and openly altered by the addition of four words - "So help me God". What gives the right for any man, even the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, to add any words to it without due process? What gives Justice Roberts the right to make what was purposely a godless document one which now begs for supernatural assistance? It is a retreat of American ideals that the Chief Justice can arbitrarily alter the Constitution without penalty.

I had the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama inflicted upon me through my work company's live satellite radio broadcast. Otherwise, I had no desire to view or hear the proceedings as it is so counter to the spirit and letter of the first secular government that was ever established in this world. The inclusion of invoking invisible supernatural powers by Christian clergy, at such a public venue as a Presidential Inauguration, only serves to polarize large segments of the American people who have no need or use for Christian sermons or prayers .

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 20, 2009.



Marc J. Benedict
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Terre Hill, PA 17581

I, _____ declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Illinois.

I consider myself a Secularist.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama from my computer at work, using the Facebook/CNN live feed. I have also watched the last three inaugurations: (2) Mr. Bush, (1) Mr. Clinton.

As I watched this inauguration, I was appalled at the reckless disrespect for the separation of Church and State. National prayer segregates any American who doesn't believe in such things. When the words, "so help me God," were stated in the oath, many other commenters on the Facebook feed mentioned "separation of Church and State?" I know I am not alone here. I love this country, and I have the upmost respect for the messages of our fore fathers. The "so help me God" statement is not in the constitution and should not be frivolously added. There was a well crafted three branch system of government made to keep individuals from adding and subtracting what ever they want to the Constitution, and a failure to keep this check and balance system is a failure to the American people.

I felt a temporary state of disconnection when these religious statements and prayers were made during the inauguration, and I suppose many Hindus, Buddhist, Muslims, and non-believers who call themselves citizens of this great nation felt disconnected as well.

Being 27 years old, I expect to witness 15+ future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I have three children who are under the age of 18 and will be under 18 for the next inauguration. They watched the inauguration of Barack Obama live at their school and at home with my wife respectfully. In my household, we teach respect for all types of people. We teach them morals and values without religion as my mother and father did for me. While watching the inauguration, my daughter felt the same disconnect during the religious speeches that I felt. I do not wish for my children to feel separated from "mainstream" America. I hope they too will share the love and admiration for our country, and continue community involvement as my wife and I have. But this "Christian only" segregation of religion in our politics and government will hinder their future allegiance to this country and I wish to ask the government to finally put a halt to the desecration of the ideals of our forefathers and keep the separation of church and state.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 18, 2009.

I, Gary Lee Berger, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Arkansas.

I am a member of the Freedom from Religion Foundation and a founding board member of Atheists of Silicon Valley.

I am an Atheist. I do not believe in any supernatural deities or participate in any religious rituals.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama in its entirety live on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I was very surprised and embarrassed that in the United States of America, we still invoke and refer to imaginary supernatural entities. This is an illegal entanglement of our government and private religious beliefs and a form of bigotry against non-Christians.

Being 53 years old, I expect to witness approximately six future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 16, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Lee Berger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Lee Berger
8078 Stonecrest Rd.
Bentonville, AR 72712

I, James H. Berry, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Texas.

I am a member of the ACLU; American Atheists, Inc.; American Humanist Association; Americans United for Separation of Church and State; Freedom From Religion Foundation; National Center For Science Education; Texas Freedom Network; and The Interfaith Alliance .

I consider myself to be an atheist.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of President Barack Obama live on television at an inauguration party held in Webster Texas.

As I watched this inauguration, I was offended to see all of the religious behaviors that occurred during that inauguration ceremony. The Christian prayers before and after the ceremony, and the insertion of the words, "so help me God," in the presidential oath in this non-religious event ruined, for me, what otherwise would have been a grand event. As a member of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, I deplore the insertion of religious rites into what should have been a secular event.

Being sixty-seven-years old, I expect to witness five future inaugurations during my lifetime, and hope not to have to witness another one imbued with religious pandering.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 17, 2009.



**James H. Berry
1611 Bernard Way
Houston, TX 77058-2266
281-286-8092
jhberry@netzero.net**

I, _____, declare as follows:

- 1. I am a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of the state of Colorado.**
- 2. I do not currently hold any beliefs in divine beings and am not currently a member of any group that holds such beliefs.**
- 3. I considered traveling to Washington DC to attend the inauguration of Barack Obama as President of the United State. I spent several hundred hours working for Obama's election. I chose not to attend because of the expected religious content of the ceremony. I have, for several years, found myself unable to attend many otherwise secular government events because of similar religious content.**
- 4. I watched the TV coverage of the Obama inauguration along with my 9 year old daughter, who is also a US citizen. I felt it was important to watch the event even though it would be religiously offensive. I long ago resigned myself to being a second-class citizen because of my reject of government sponsored and endorsed religion.**
- 5. My daughter, age 9, does not yet share my resignation. She reacted to the various prayers and the "so help me god" line in a very emotional manner. She expressed disgust and disappointment at the inappropriate content. I know that exposure to this content will reduce her inclination to feel a patriotic sense of association or "belonging" to the United States of America. I feel that it is very unfortunate that she will not experience these emotions.**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Executed on February 20, 2009

I, Al Blazo, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Ohio.

I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, The Center for Inquiry and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1989, 1993, 2005 and 2009 on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I cringed with disgust as I witnessed this special secular event again being poisoned with sectarian religious nonsense.

Being 60 years old, I expect to witness no future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 16, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Blazo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Al Blazo
1830 Price Road
Youngstown, OH 44509

I, Lorraine A. Borrell, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.

I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, American Humanist Association, Pennsylvania Nonbelievers, and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1997, 2001, 2005, and 2009 on television at my home.

As I watched these inaugurations, I always felt it was completely inappropriate to use a bible or mention god in this important civic event. Since I was not religious I always felt left out. It seemed to me that belief in an invisible being for which there is no proof should not be included or mandated by the leader of our country. Our president is supposed to represent all of us. We are not all christians and have many and varied backgrounds.

Being 50 years old, I expect to witness 6 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 15, 2009.



Lorraine A. Borrell
316 Sanrue Drive
Johnstown, PA 15904

I, Richard M. Borrell, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.

I am a member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, American Humanist Association, Pennsylvania Nonbelievers, and Americans United for the Separation of Church and State.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1993, 1997, 2001, 2005, and 2009 on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I always felt it was completely inappropriate to use a bible or mention god in this important civic event. Since I was not religious I always felt left out. It seemed to me that belief in an invisible being for which there is no proof should not be included or mandated by the leader of our country. Our president is supposed to represent all of us. We are not all christians and have many and varied backgrounds.

Being 51 years old, I expect to witness 6 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 15, 2009.



Richard M. Borrell
316 Sanrue Drive
Johnstown, PA 15904

I. Chris Bossom, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Colorado.

I am a member of the American Humanist Association, and American Atheists.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1993, 2001 and 2005 on television at my home.

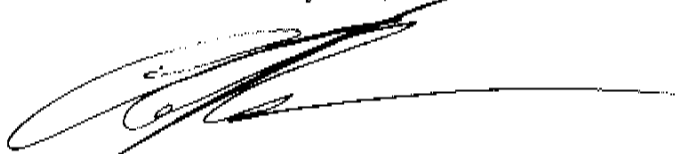
I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama via live feed on the Internet.

As I watched this inauguration, I was upset at witnessing the oath and prayers being shown to all the world watching. This is not a ceremony to be displayed to the public as it is a personal matter of the President, and should not be made the personal matter of all of those watching, religious and non-religious alike. Religious celebration and prayer of this type should not be allowed to be a part of a secular nation's inauguration ceremony. These matters are best practiced at home and in the privacy of one's personal time, not the country's time. While I was grateful the President mentioned briefly "non-believers", I feel it and the mentioning of "believers" should have been left out of his ceremony and speech all together.

Being 27 years old, I expect to witness over 12 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 17th, 2009.

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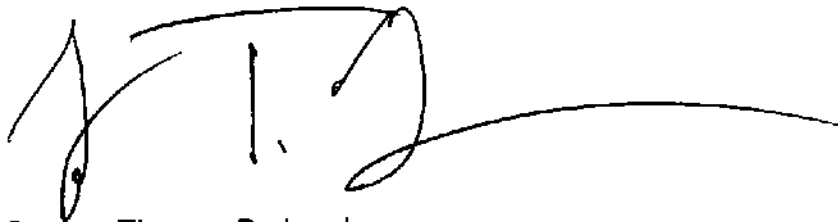
Christopher J. Bossom
1245 Columbine St #307
Denver, CO 80206

I, Gregory Thomas Brabander, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of California.
2. I am also a member of The Freedom from Religion Foundation, The Atheist Alliance, The Center for Inquiry, and The Skeptic's Society. I consider myself an Atheist.
3. This year I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television. As I watched the inauguration, I was deeply saddened to see and hear Barack Obama recite "So help me God" after Chief Justice John Roberts instructed him to do so.
4. Being 46 years old, I expect to witness all of the future inaugurations during my lifetime.
5. Thankfully my 2 year old nephew is too young to understand the significance of what was being said while he watched the inauguration with his father and me. When my nephew watches any future inaugurations, I would sincerely hope that he will not have to witness a swearing in oath that includes language that invokes any religious denomination or religion at all. Saying "So help me God" in any sort of political setting or ceremony sends the message to old and young that politics and religion are bound together. This is not what our founding father had intended and should not be allowed to happen again.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 19, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. T. Brabander', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gregory Thomas Brabander
4546 S. Layman Ave
Pico Rivera, CA
90660

I, Marle Brandt declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Washington.

I am a member of Freedom From Religion Foundation, and on its Board of Directors. I am also a member of the local Juan de Fuca Freethinkers.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched news reports of inaugurations since the late 1950's.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I was struck anew by the unauthorized addition of "so help me God" to the presidential oath of office as administered by the Chief Justice. I was also distressed by all of the clergy publicly praying to their God at a political event taking place as a result of the election of a president by the votes of many diverse citizens of the United States, not just those of a specific religious faith.

Being 72 years old, I hope to see a few more inaugurations during by lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 24, 2009.



Marle Brandt
816 N. Bakehouse Court
Sequim, WA 98382

I, Burkhard R. Braun, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of California.

I am a subscriber to Free Inquiry magazine, published by the Committee for Secular Humanism, and a blogger on religious, political, scientific, and cultural topics at <http://biophilic.blogspot.com/>.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched occasional Presidential inaugurations since Richard Nixon's second in 1973.

I watched the recent Presidential inauguration of 2009, taking the day off from work to enjoy it live, and also recorded it along with several hours of the associated festivities to enjoy again at leisure.

As I watched this inauguration, I was disappointed to hear repeated invocations of God's blessing on the events, and especially to hear pleas for God's enforcement of, or punishment for breach of, the Presidential oath with the words "so help me God". Most participants are free to say what they please during these events, but the central oath administered by the Chief Justice in accordance with the constitution should not be sullied with extraneous text which is not only non-constitutional, but also vain, pointless, and divisive. The President may give vent such pleas if he or she is so moved, but the Chief Justice has no business instructing him or her to do so.

Being 46 years old, I expect to witness seven or more future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 18, 2009.



Burkhard R. Braun
37 Hillcrest Drive
San Rafael, CA, 94901

To Whom It May Concern:

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Virginia.

I am a member of American Atheists, Freedom From Religion Foundation and the ACLU .

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1989, 1993, and 2005 on television at my home, and I participated the inauguration of 1981 in person in Washington, DC as a member of the U.S. Army, 3rd Infantry, Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my work.

As I watched this inauguration, I sat in silent anger at the religiousness of some of the speakers. I strongly objected to the insinuation that all Americans accept the existence of a god and wished religion would play no part in the workings of our government. I object to the new president being asked to swear to an imaginary being in order to take office.

Being 46 years old, I expect to witness seven future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I have 15 year old daughter who also witnessed the inauguration this year and I strongly object to the message to her from her own government that only those who believe in a god are true citizens.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 16, 2009.

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oklahoma.

I am a member of the American Humanist Association, Americans United, American Atheists, Atheist Alliance International, the Center for Inquiry, and the National Center for Science Education.

I consider myself an atheist, and also a secular humanist.

I have watched the inaugurations of Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush live on television.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my restaurant, along with several of my employees.

As I watched this inauguration, I was disappointed to hear our government's endorsement of the Christian religion by making prayer a part of the inauguration. I was again dismayed to hear the phrase "so help me god" added to the oath by the Chief Justice, and repeated by President Obama.

Being 36 years old, I expect to witness 15 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I am a father to two minor children, ages 8 and 14. I encourage my daughters to be aware of and engaged in the democratic process as much as possible. One important avenue of participation is to watch the peaceful transfer of political power during the inauguration. So, I continue to be frustrated when prayer, bibles, and worship of god are portrayed as being an integral and endorsed part of a governmental process. This de facto favoritism shown to Christianity by our government at the highest levels contributes to a climate where my daughters feel pressure to conform to the beliefs of the religious majority, or face ridicule and isolation as a consequence of their non belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 16th, 2009.

I, _____, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Arizona.
2. I consider myself an Atheist.
3. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.
4. As I watched this inauguration, I was appalled to here Obama repeat "So help me God" and to watch Roberts lead him in prayer.
6. Being 27 years old, I expect to witness many future inaugurations during my lifetime.
7. I have two children who watched the inauguration with me and I don't think it fair to subject them to a figure of authority misrepresenting them as well.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 20, 2009.

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of New Mexico.

I am an atheist.

I have watched the 1992 and 1996 inaugurations of Bill Clinton and the 2000 inauguration of George Bush.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on the website www.hulu.com.

As I watched this inauguration, I felt ashamed that my country, founded as it was as a secular country because of religious persecution embraced and promoted the Christian religion above all other believes in a public inauguration of the "leader of the free world".

Being 43 years old, I expect to witness ten future inaugurations during my lifetime.

My 10 year old son will likely view the 2013 inauguration either in public school or at home. I've done my best to raise him as a critical free thinker who will be able to make his own choices about what to believe. I've taught him that one reason his country is great is because we have Constitutionally guaranteed separation of church and state. I believe that observing a Presidential Inauguration in which the President is directed to say "so help me God" as part of the oath implies that our country endorses the Christian religion above all others and that a belief in a god is required to serve as President of the United States.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 21, 2009.

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Wisconsin.

I am a member of Freedom From Religion Foundation.

I consider myself an atheist.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my school.

As I watched the inauguration, my shock even surprised myself as they conducted religious acts. I found it rather offensive and I am sure anyone from any other religion felt the same way.

Being 12 years old, I expect to witness 10 or more future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 13, 2009.

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Wisconsin.

I am a member of Freedom From Religion Foundation.

I consider myself an atheist.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my school.

As I watched the inauguration, my stomach did a somersault with disgust for how much our country was violating the constitution, the most important document in our country. The way the First Amendment and Constitution are being violated here is outrageous. I feel like everything I have learned about the founding fathers' beliefs about freedom of religion is being violated. Our country stands for what is in the first amendment and it made me upset and angry that we should even need to question whether or not "So help me God" should be added to the oath of office—it's not even in the constitution! It is hard for me to believe that this country, where all my life I have been told that there is no favoring of specific religions, is defying one of our most important morals! I feel that the most important leaders of our country are discriminating against me as an atheist. It is not a good feeling.

Being 15 years old, I expect to witness 10 or more future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 13, 2009.

I, _____, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Wisconsin.

I am a member of Freedom From Religion Foundation.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1989 and 1993 on television at my home.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I was sad and disappointed to hear the oath and prayers. It made me very depressed to witness the constitution being violated so evidently.

Being 40 years old, I expect to witness 6 or more future inaugurations during my lifetime.

My minor children saw the inauguration and I expect they will view the next inauguration, and I believe their viewing the "so help me God" and clergy-led prayer will adversely affect them. I fear they may not have trust in the government because the constitution is being violated and that they may feel they are not truly "Americans" because they are atheists.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 13, 2009.

I, Julianne Burke, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.

I am a member of Pennsylvania Nonbelievers and the Free Thought Society of Greater Philadelphia.

I consider myself a secular humanist, and I am also an atheist.

I watched the inauguration of 2001 live on television with friends in my college dormitory and watched the inauguration of 2005 on television at home.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live over the internet with my co-workers in our office building.

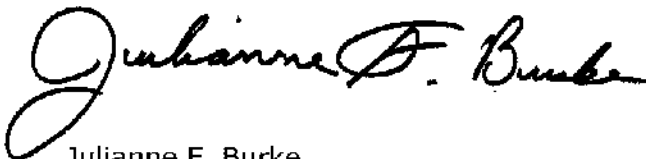
As I watched this inauguration, I was offended by Chief Justice Roberts' inclusion of the words "so help me God" in the oath of office that he administered to President Obama. Such language sent the clear message to me, an atheist, that my country's government favors religion over non-belief, and when I heard such swearing to God, it indicated to me that Chief Roberts believes that a president's right to govern comes from God instead of the people. Similarly, such swearing plainly indicates that President Obama is ultimately being held accountable to God, not the people. This is a clear violation of the secular ideals upon which the nation was founded and which are enshrined in our Constitution.

And I was absolutely shocked and outraged by Pastor Rick Warren's exclusively Christian invocation that emphasized "Jesus." That my government permitted such a prayer indicates that it does indeed favor Christianity over other belief systems. As a secularist and an atheist, I am being excluded, unrepresented, and betrayed when my government violates the separation of church and state in our Constitution by allowing not only religious language but exclusively Christian language in its official functions.

Being 30 years old, I expect to witness 12 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 20, 2009.



Julianne F. Burke
321 North Market Street
Apartment 4
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

I, Michael Burke, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Kentucky.
2. I am a member of the Atheist Nexus and the Brights Movement.
3. I consider myself an atheist, a freethinker, a rationalist, a naturalist, a humanist and a bright.
4. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.
5. As I watched this inauguration, I felt greatly disturbed that Barack Obama swore in to office using a Bible and had to say, "So help me God." This was flamboyantly unconstitutional. America is not a theocracy. As a result of the religious intrusion in the inauguration, I suffered from anxiety. I felt excluded as a US citizen. I am troubled that our government thinks it is above the Constitution, endorsing Christianity and belief in God.
6. Being 25 years old, I expect to witness at least 10 future inaugurations in my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 21, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Burke". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font. The first name "Michael" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Burke" is written in a smaller, more compact script. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael Burke
3244 Marston Place
Lexington, KY 40503

I, Linda Butcher, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the United States of America.

I consider myself an atheist.

I watched the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama of 2009 on television at my home. I recall watching William Clinton being sworn in as President of the United States or a television replay of this inauguration.

As I watched the inauguration of Barack Obama, I felt extremely offended that unrealistic and unsubstantiated beliefs were being foisted upon me, vulnerable children and all who watched it. I felt that as an atheist that I am not valued as a citizen of the United States comparable to other citizens who choose to hold a belief in a supreme being.

Being 64 years old, I expect to witness as many as 6 (six) more presidential inaugurations.

I find it deplorable that unsubstantiated religious rhetoric of the next inauguration will likely be viewed by thousands of American children in their schools and or homes or over the internet and that using the language "so help me God" and/or clergy-led prayer could be seriously psychologically and/or emotionally damaging to them. Children are very vulnerable with a strong need to feel accepted, to fit in, to be considered normal, etc. and I feel strongly that it is highly unethical to use a public forum to take advantage of this vulnerability.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 17, 2009.



**Linda Butcher
164 Cherry Street
Waynesburg, Pa. 15370**

I, Jean Cassels declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Louisiana.

I am a member of New Orleans Secular Humanist Association.

I consider myself a humanist.

I have watched every inauguration since 1960 on television in my home, and I watched the inauguration of 2001, 2005.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home, and later on the Internet.

As I watched this inauguration, I was overjoyed with who our new president is... but felt left out of the moment when Mr. Obama was asked to finish the oath with "so help me God". With all the prayers following it seemed they weren't speaking to me. This was a ceremony that gave no reference to how I feel. This is my new president and my country but the ceremony didn't feel like it was for me.

Being 67 years old, I hope to witness 5 more inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 15, 2009.



Jean Cassels
7205 Broad Place
New Orleans LA 70125

I, _____ declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Kansas, currently residing in the _____ due to military service.

2. I am a member of the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.

3. I consider myself a naturalist and an atheist.

4. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.

5. As I watched this inauguration, I was deeply offended by the sectarian prayers delivered at the invocation and benediction. I was also deeply disturbed by the deliberate alterations to the constitutionally prescribed Oath of Office by Chief Justice John Roberts.

6. Being 24 years old, I expect to witness 15 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

7. I also have a young child who will be four years old at the next inauguration, and I am deeply concerned about his right to witness the democratic process without exposure to divisive religious exercises.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 21, 2009.

I, _____ declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of New York.

2. I am a member of Hudson Valley Freethought and Hudson Valley Atheists.

3. I consider myself Atheist, Humanist and FreeThinker.

4. I watched the Inauguration this year and have listened to the Inaugurations of 2001 and 2005 on radio.

5. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on my television at home.

6. As I watched this inauguration, I found I was unable to listen to the ridiculous "invocations" given by the clergy present, and saddened that the superfluous "So help me god" was added forcibly at the end of the oath.

7. Being 53 years old, I expect to witness perhaps 7 future inaugurations during my lifetime.

8. My son, aged 13, watched the Inauguration with me. This was his very first. He expressed concern about the use of "god" in the oath of office.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 20, 2009.

1. I, _____, declare the following:

2. I am a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, a member of the American Humanist Association, the Humanists of Washington and the Humanists of North Puget Sound. I take an active interest in U.S. presidential elections

3. I watched the inauguration of President Obama at home by myself (I was going to keep my 17 year old son home from high school to watch with me, but he told me his class was scheduled to watch it together in class). I watched with heavily mixed emotions. I was proud that our country had elected a person of African-American descent, but I was angry that once again, I was marginalized by the proceedings because the people who organized this governmental event chose to include their own religious rituals and endorsements.

4. It was the height of irony that President Obama referred to the United States as a "nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and nonbelievers," since he chose invite a Christian minister to open the proceedings with a prayer to "Jesus," thereby excluding the Muslims, Jews, Hindus and non-believers.

5. I am glad I live in a country where people can choose to believe in whatever religions they want and to be free to not believe in any if they choose that. But I long for the day when my government will live up to its cherished first amendment by staying out of the business of religion. It can only do that by refusing to endorse any one flavor of religion over another or over non-religion.

6. I have watched the presidential inaugurations of Richard Nixon (1972), Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan (both), George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton (both), George W. Bush (both) and now, Barack Obama. I am 57 years old and will continue to watch presidential inaugurations as long as I am able, which is likely another 25 years, or 6 more presidents.

I, Christopher(Kit) Cox, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Louisiana.

I am a member of New Orleans Secular Humanist Association.

I consider myself an atheist.

I have watched the inaugurations of 1989, 1993, 1997, 2001 on television at my home.

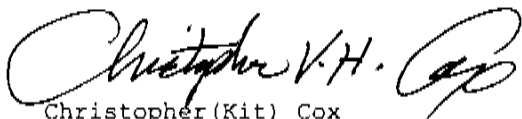
I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at my home.

As I watched this inauguration, I was upset at the continued use of the phrase, "so help me God". I was even more upset with the choice of a blatantly evangelical Christian preacher to give the invocation.

Being 69 years old, I expect to witness 3-4 future inaugurations during my lifetime on TV.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 16, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher V.H. Cox". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a flourish at the end.

Christopher(Kit) Cox
154 Pebble Beach Drive
Slidell, LA 70458

I, Sally Cramer, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.
2. I am President of the Freethought Society of Greater Philadelphia, and member of the Freedom From Religion Foundation and Atheist Alliance International.
3. I consider myself an atheist humanist.
4. I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television.
5. As I watched this inauguration, I was surprised and angered at the presence of the invocation and benediction, as our United States Constitution states that government should not endorse any particular religion; by mentioning any higher power and holding prayer sessions at a public governmental ceremony, nontheists are excluded.
6. Being 25 years old, I expect to witness at least ten future inaugurations during my lifetime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 21, 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Cramer', is written over a horizontal line.

Sally J. Cramer
1521 Camp Linden Rd.
West Chester, PA 19382

Feb 18, 2009

I,

1. I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of California.
2. I am a member of Americans United, American Humanist Association, Freedom From Religion Foundation and Atheists and Other Freethinkers of Sacramento.
3. I consider myself to be a Humanist. I do not know if there is a supreme being, but I do not base my life or decisions on such notions, rather allowing logic, reason to guide my conscience.
4. I have watched every Presidential Inauguration ceremony since Nixon was sworn in 1972. I was 12 years old at the time.
5. I watched the 2009 Inauguration of President Obama from my home in Rio Linda. I watched the festivities most of the day both live and then later on CNN.
6. As I watched the Inauguration, and listened to the new President take the oath of office, I could not help but feel personally offended at Chief Justice's John Roberts use of the phrase "so help you god" when swearing in our new President. As a non-believer, I felt I was not being included as an American citizen at that moment and feel that in the matter of a government ceremony, this phrase is not appropriate. I was also subjected to various prayers and other Christian religious symbolism throughout the day's proceedings which I also feel is inappropriate when viewed by millions of people who may be of different faiths or no faith at all. As Americans, should be able to watch this historic event with pride and reverence without all the sanctimonious rhetoric that always accompanies it.
7. Being 48 years old, I expect that I will witness many more Presidential Inauguration ceremonies. I would like to witness those future ceremonies as secular and all inclusive. America is defined by it's diversity and in order to preserve the freedoms so carefully laid out by our forefathers and so fiercely fought by American soldiers of all backgrounds, it's important to remember that our Constitution is a secular document and that the President is sworn first and foremost, to uphold the principles within it and respect the rights of every American citizen.
8. I am the mother of 3 daughters, two are presently 13 and 8 years of age. When the next Inauguration comes around in 2013, I do not want to have to explain to them again why the incoming President swears to god when I have taught them that strong values, integrity and character come from inside themselves. I do not want them thinking that our President needs the help of a mythological being to make wise decisions that affect our nation. If the President has personal religious beliefs, then let him/her keep them personal. I do not want my children believing that they are not "true Americans" if they do not subject themselves to religious doctrine. I want them to know that the President stands for all Americans regardless of what they do or do not believe.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted on 2/18/2009

I, Gail M. Crow, declare as follows:

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Pennsylvania.

I am a member of The Pennsylvania Nonbelievers.

I consider myself an atheist/humanist who has respect for those who choose to worship but am quite dismayed when I hear such matters intruding in the ceremonies and workings of my government.

I have watched inaugurations as often as possible since my first presidential vote for Jimmy Carter and find it so unfortunate to cringe as each mention of the bible and god mounts one on top of the other as the ceremony proceeds.

I watched the 2009 inauguration of Barack Obama live on television at the airport in Nassau, Bahama. I had rushed to get through security and immigration to make it on time to see the entire ceremony. It was a very exciting occasion. Many Bahamians were also crowded around the television in their uniforms. They would clap and cheer actually before we Americans did. I felt very proud.

As I watched this inauguration, though, I did feel the usual discomfort I always undergo when the expected references to the bible are made and during prayers which are called fancy names like invocation. Since I was in a public place instead of my private livingroom (which is where I have watched inaugurations in prior years) I decided to look around and see if there were visible reactions from others during prayers etc. but didn't see any visible signs of others shouldering the levels of discomfort I was feeling.

Being 53 years old, I hope to witness several future inaugurations during my lifetime. It would truly be more glorious to see them as ceremonies of meaning rather than involving obligations to bizarre procedures grandfathered from the past which exclude while having questionable value.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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