

ALL MEN ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL

MASSACHUSETTS CONSTITUTION WILL BE USED TO END SLAVERY IN THE STATE

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The Massachusetts Constitution, adopted on October 25, 1780, is a landmark document in the history of the United States. It is the only state constitution that explicitly states that all men are born free and equal. This principle has been a cornerstone of the state's legal system and has inspired the nation's founding documents. The constitution's preamble, which reads "We the People," is a powerful statement of the people's sovereignty. The document's structure is divided into three main parts: the Preamble, the Declaration of Rights, and the Framework of the Government. The Declaration of Rights, which is the first part of the constitution, contains 17 articles that define the rights of the people. The Framework of the Government, which is the second part, describes the structure of the state's government, including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The Preamble, which is the third part, is a short but powerful statement of the people's sovereignty. The constitution's history is a story of struggle and progress. It was the result of a long and difficult process of negotiation and compromise. The constitution's adoption was a landmark event in the history of the state and the nation. It has been a source of inspiration and guidance for generations of Massachusetts citizens. The constitution's principles have been a cornerstone of the state's legal system and have inspired the nation's founding documents. The constitution's structure is divided into three main parts: the Preamble, the Declaration of Rights, and the Framework of the Government. The Declaration of Rights, which is the first part of the constitution, contains 17 articles that define the rights of the people. The Framework of the Government, which is the second part, describes the structure of the state's government, including the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The Preamble, which is the third part, is a short but powerful statement of the people's sovereignty. The constitution's history is a story of struggle and progress. It was the result of a long and difficult process of negotiation and compromise. The constitution's adoption was a landmark event in the history of the state and the nation. It has been a source of inspiration and guidance for generations of Massachusetts citizens. The constitution's principles have been a cornerstone of the state's legal system and have inspired the nation's founding documents.

