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6th ANNUAL READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Houston, Texas – June 29, 2015 - In celebration of Independence Day, the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association (HCCLA) is holding its 6th annual reading of the Declaration of Independence. This year's event will be led by **JoAnne Musick**, the association's president.

HCCLA's reading of the Declaration is an annual tradition that was started by HCCLA Past President, **Robert Fickman**. This year he organized similar readings across the state, making defense bar history. Readings by defense lawyers will take place in front of [127 Texas courthouses](#), covering one-half of all county seats.

HCCLA continues to lead Texas with the largest gathering, boasting over 100 local attorneys, judges and Houstonians in attendance.

The Declaration of Independence is our nation's most cherished symbol of liberty. This sacred document is the founding document of the United States, and contains within its text the fundamental truths and unalienable rights that typify and embody the American way of life: *...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.*

Please join us in honoring our nation's most sacred document in the spirit of independence:

When: Thursday, July 2, 2014

Where: Harris County Criminal Justice Center

1201 Franklin Street , Houston, Texas

(Front steps of the courthouse)

Time: 11:30 AM

The Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association is the largest local criminal defense bar in the United States with more than 750 active members.

For more information about the history of the readings and photos, visit:

<http://www.criminaldefensedeclarationreading.com/>

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