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provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare,

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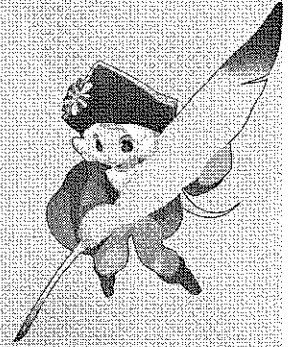
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We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union,
not the King, because this is a democracy a better union of states than before

establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility,
create a fair legal system, keep things peaceful at home



provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare,
join together to defend against attacks, help support people's well-being

and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,
make sure that freedom and liberty is around today and for our descendants

do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.
the people have created and agreed to follow this new plan of government