

# Annual Report

2024







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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, we are pleased to present the Annual Report of the 1776 Foundation. It is with gratitude and enthusiasm that we share some of the highlights from 2024 made possible through the collective efforts of our dedicated team, committed partners, and generous supporters. This was unquestionably a great year for the foundation.

- There are now more than 7,000 Montana Vehicles sporting our Gadsen Flag License plate.
- Our Grants have now delivered over \$100,000 to support worthwhile organizations that share our values.
- Our Montana Constitution Project had its biggest year yet, distributing over 20,000 free copies to parents, educators, elected officials, and interested citizens all across Montana.
- Our Bill of Rights Hard Card Project had another great year and has now shipped over 6,000 cards.

The 1776 Foundation has also been at the forefront of civic engagement initiatives, encouraging active participation in democratic processes. With another great year in the books, we look forward to the opportunities in the year ahead.

Sincerely,  
The 1776 Foundation Board of Directors

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# About the 1776 Foundation

Based in Billings, Montana, the 1776 Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that seeks to improve government and politics by working to inform and equip the people of Montana to better evaluate policy options that uphold traditional American values, historic civil liberties, the Montana Constitution and the Constitution of the United States of America.

Founded in 2015, the 1776 Foundation works to accomplish our mission through a variety of programming and by supporting other like-minded organizations in Montana.

## Board of Directors



**Scott Aspenlieder**



**Jake Eaton**



**Tyler Schott**



# Programs



**Gadsden Flag License Plate**



**Free Constitution Project**



**Liberty Lessons**



**Grant Program**



**Bill of Rights Hard Card**



**Montana Pulse**



**Liberty Invitational**



**Distinguished Lecture Series**

*We the People*  
of the United States  
do hereby declare our independence, and we, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same is on file in the Department of State.

# License Plate

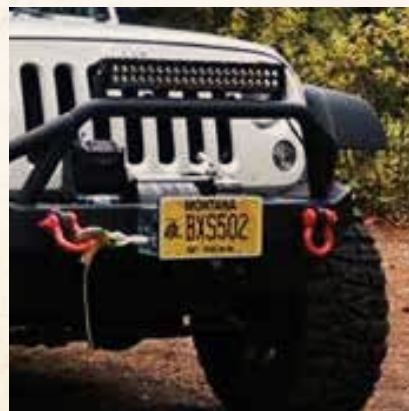
1776 Foundation Gadsden Flag



Since January 2017, Montana residents have been able to purchase their very own 1776 Foundation Gadsden Flag license plate when they register a Montana vehicle.

An iconic symbol of the American Revolution, the Gadsden Flag was named for Christopher Gadsden who created it during the American Revolution. Today it has come to symbolize support for liberty and the rugged, independent American spirit. Now you can display this iconic symbol on your Montana vehicle and support the great work of the 1776 Foundation.

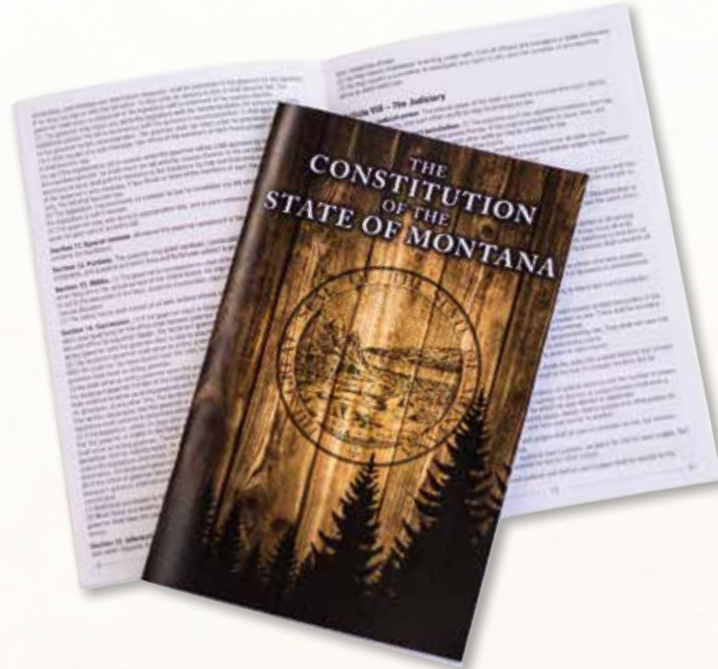
Our plate was once again one of the best selling specialty license plates during 2024. The plate is now a regular site on thousands of cars, trucks, trailers and campers on Montana's highways and byways.



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Article I

*Project*  
Free Constitution



A firm understanding of our Montana Constitution is a foundation each and every Montanan should be equipped with, especially during their formative years.

Unfortunately, most of our public schools do not offer such coursework.

The 1776 Foundation Constitution Project seeks to fill this void by providing free copies of the Montana Constitution to educators, parents and the public.

During 2024, this project produced and distributed over 20,000 free copies of the Montana Constitution. Since the program's inception back in 2017, we have now distributed over 60,000 free copies to parents, educators, elected officials and interested citizens all over Montana.

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Article I

# Liberty

Lessons



The 1776 Foundation's Liberty Lessons are a series of educational radio and video messages designed to give you a deeper understanding of the meaning and history of the Montana and U.S. Constitutions. Each episode is delivered by exciting Montana political, business and community leaders.

Our series now includes episodes focused on: The Electoral College, Separation of Powers, Democracy and more. These episodes are broadcast online and on radio stations throughout Montana.

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Article I  
Section 1  
All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2  
The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 3  
The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature of the State in which they may be, for six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 4  
The Times, Places and Manner of holding the Elections of Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law alter or alter the Times, Places or Manner of holding such Elections, provided they do not alter the same so as to take away the Election of any Senators or Representatives to any State for the Term for which they were elected.

Section 5  
The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall begin on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by Law provide for some other Day.

Section 6  
The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution.

Section 7  
All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as to the Form of any such Bill.

Section 8  
The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

Section 9  
The Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

Section 10  
No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; nor shall State enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, with a foreign Nation, or with the Indian Tribes;

Section 11  
No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except those which may be absolutely necessary for executing its Insular Powers; and the Congress may at any time revoke or modify any such Law of any State;

Section 12  
No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, coin Money, emit Notes, or make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts;

Section 13  
No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, pass any Law of Retrospectivity, or ex post facto Law, or any Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or any Law changing the Course of judicial Proceedings;

Section 14  
No State shall be deprived of its equal Footing with the States by any Act of Congress;

Section 15  
No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

Section 16  
The Congress may at any Time admit new States into the Union; but no new State shall be admitted into this Union without the Consent of the Legislatures of the existing States, as well as of the Congress.

Section 17  
The Congress may, at its Pleasure, remove any Place where the Meetings of the Congress may be held, and may, by Law, determine the Time, Place and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives.

Section 18  
The Congress shall have Power to make and enforce Laws, which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any of its Departments or Officers;

Section 19  
The Congress shall have Power to declare War, to issue Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and to make Rules concerning Captives on Land and on Water;

Section 20  
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# Grants



**Helping out our neighbors and giving back to the community is part of the Montana way of life.**

The 1776 Foundation is proud to support like-minded organizations with funding for programs that are in line with our mission.

Our grants program distributed \$11,000 to worthwhile organizations in 2024 and has now provide over \$100,000 in funding since coming online in Q3 2017.

We the People

insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote  
and secure Blessings, Liberty, Justice, and establish this Constitution for the  
United States

# Bill Of Rights

Hard Copy

**The first 10 Amendments to the Constitution spell out our most important rights, and now our Bill of Rights Hard Card lets you take your rights with you everywhere you go!**

James Madison drafted the amendments that became the Bill of Rights after calls from some states for greater constitutional protections to safeguard individual liberties. The Bill of Rights was ratified by the states in 1791.

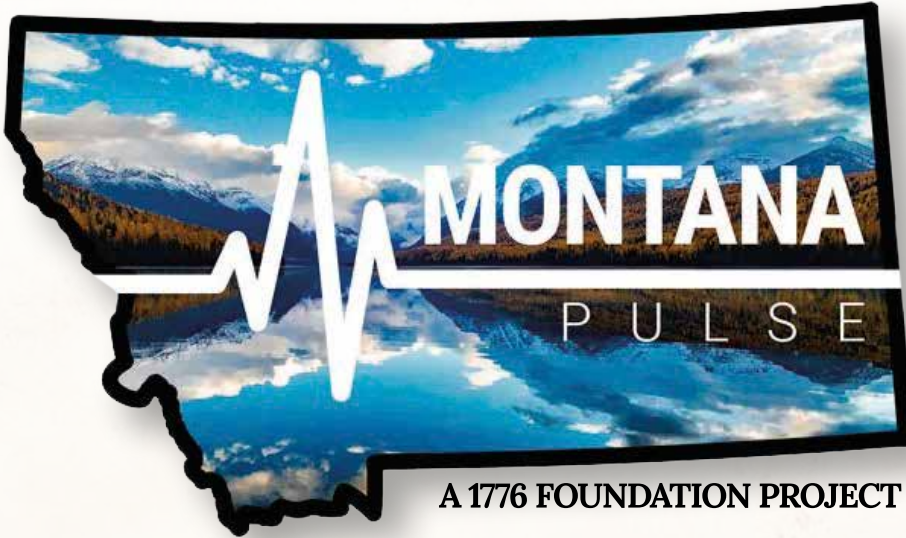
The 1776 Foundation's Bill of Rights Hard Card is a sturdy aluminum card measuring 3.5"x2" – the same size as a standard business card.



**We have now shipped over 6,000 cards since starting this program in Q3 2020.**

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# Montana Pulse



**The Montana Pulse program conducts a series of public opinion polls several times per year.**

Each poll measures Montanans' attitudes on elected officials, current policy proposals and a variety of other timely topics. The results of each poll are made available for free to the media and the general public, so that all Montanans can keep a pulse on important issues and the elected officials leading our state.

Each poll is conducted by a professional public opinion research firm, utilizing a combination of traditional telephone survey and an online survey tool to interview randomly selected participants from a demographically diverse panel. Utilizing this methodology ensures we are able to reach voters that have abandoned landline telephones.

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*The Liberty*  
Invitational



## 1776 Foundation Liberty Invitational

The Liberty Invitational is a unique golf event that brings together elected officials and political candidates, along with business and community leaders to foster conversations about civic engagement.

During our first two events, we have been honored to have an amazing group of participants including US Senator Steve Daines, Governor Greg Gianforte, Congressman Ryan Zinke, Attorney General Austin Knudsen and many others.

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# Lecture Series



The 1776 Foundation hosted Vice President Pence, in Billings, as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series. In a fireside chat, with Montana Talks host, Aaron Flint, Pence emphasized the importance of preserving American ideals and values as rooted in the nation's founding principles. Pence highlighted themes of individual liberty, personal responsibility, and the role of faith in American life. He called for a renewed commitment to teaching the founding documents and fostering civic engagement among young Americans.

The 1776 Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series seeks to provide a forum to enrich the ongoing public policy debate by bringing in the smartest, most engaging, and influential speakers to explore a variety of topics through a series of occasional lectures throughout Montana.

## Revenue

Contributions	\$ 25,235.23
License Plate Sales	\$ 134,517.76
Other Revenue	\$ 616.41
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 160,369.40</b>

## Program Costs

Bill of Rights Card Program	\$ 7,243.83
Distinguished Lecture Series	\$ 45,976.99
Grants Program	\$ 11,399.02
Liberty Invitational	\$ 23,215.87
Liberty Lessons Program	\$ 3,500.00
License Plate Program	\$ 12,007.93
Montana Constitution Program	\$ 5,326.56
Montana Pulse Program	\$ 13,853.13
<b>Total Program Cost</b>	<b>\$ 122,523.33</b>

## Administrative Costs

Accounting/Professional Fees	\$ 2,475.00
Advertising	\$ 5,716.39
Misc. Expenses	\$ 10,532.68
Rent & Office Expenses	\$ 5,200.00
Website Hosting & Maintenance	\$ 1,068.00
<b>Total Administrative Cost</b>	<b>\$ 24,992.07</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,146.05</b>





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