As Founders of The Free Nation of New Athens,

On this day, the 30th day of September in the year 2019 A.D., We, the founding citizens of the nation, formally declare The Free Nation of New Athens an independent, self-governing nation where every citizen has rights as defined in The Constitution of The Free Nation of New Athens. This nation will abide by the regulations established through international treaties and will become a prominent member of the international community.

The Free Nation of New Athens legally establishes independence from the United States of America through precedent set forth in the United States of America Declaration of Independence, passed by the Continental Congress in the year 1776 A.D., which affirms "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government…" This proves that the United States was founded on the idea that the people have a right to declare independence and to rule themselves through a government by the people if the government does become authoritarian or undemocratic in nature.

In addition, international agreements and treaties confirm that The Free Nation of New Athens has a right to sovereignty. The Atlantic Charter reads: "respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live." This was signed by the United States of America, the United Kingdom and many other nations in 1941. In a similar notion, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, signed in 1966, states that "All peoples have the right of self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status…" Self determination is the right of people to rule over themselves and create their own state. These treaties clearly state that people have the right, under international law, to create their own nation and rule over it freely.

The people of The Free Nation of New Athens believe the Cobb County Ordinance Sec. 134-1 is a blatant violation of liberty, and henceforth will no longer live under the heel of a brutal regime, but will flourish as people in their own rights. Free to express, learn and lead. This nation will become the envy of the world and we intend to formally begin the process of inspiring the world.