## THE DECREE OF SACRED TRUTH AND HISTORICAL INTEGRITY By Reverend Paula Sadler, Founding Minister of Universal Rainbow Faith Issued March 29, 2025

In the divine light of all sacred truth, and by the spiritual authority vested in me as the Founding Minister of the Universal Rainbow Faith, I, Reverend Paula Sadler, do hereby issue this Decree of Sacred Truth and Historical Integrity in response to the Executive Order entitled "Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History" signed March 27, 2025, by President Donald J. Trump.

## Let it be known:

- 1. We, the Universal Rainbow Faith, affirm the divine truth that diversity is sacred. We affirm that the full spectrum of race, gender identity, gender expression, sexuality, culture, and spiritual belief are not flaws to be erased, but holy expressions of the Divine Creative Principle. To deny the stories, struggles, and victories of marginalized peoples is to deny God's handiwork and the sacred truth of humanity.
- 2. This Executive Order is not a restoration of truth but a declaration of historical and spiritual erasure. Its aim is not sanity but submission. To censor or defund exhibits that educate the public about slavery, racism, colonialism, gender identity, and systemic oppression is to tear the soul from American history. It is to glorify only the dominant while silencing the truth-tellers.
- 3. We refute the falsehood that transgender women are not women. Transgender women are daughters of creation, endowed with divine identity, dignity, and sacred worth. To erase their place in women's history is to desecrate the temple of womanhood and commit a spiritual violence that harms all of humanity.
- 4. We denounce the assault on the Smithsonian Institution and its sacred charge to tell the full story of the American people. The call to remove exhibits about race, gender, and inequality is not about unity—it is about forced amnesia. It is the policy of oppressors, not liberators.
- 5. We affirm that truth, equity, and remembrance are spiritual imperatives. This Executive Order seeks to reinstitute modern segregation, suppress civil rights, and resurrect the moral poisons of Jim Crow. We will not stand idly by as freedom of expression, religion, and cultural storytelling are defunded, dismantled, or destroyed.
- 6. We declare that it is not the inclusion of race, gender, and LGBTQ+ stories that divides America, but the suppression of those stories that tears the nation

- **apart**. To honor Black history, women's rights, queer resilience, and the truth of transgender lives is to build bridges, not burn them.
- 7. **We invoke the spirits of those who came before us**—from the enslaved and the segregated, to the suffragists and the Stonewall saints—and we vow to carry forward their legacy. We stand with Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Sylvia Rivera, Marsha P. Johnson, Audre Lorde, and every freedom fighter whose truth cannot be buried.
- 8. We demand the continued presence and inclusion of transgender people, Black Americans, Indigenous peoples, and all marginalized communities in the archives and exhibits of the Smithsonian and all national museums and monuments. To erase our presence is to falsify the record of God's movement through time.
- 9. We call upon all faith leaders, truth-tellers, educators, artists, and spiritual communities to resist this erasure, to rise in prayer and protest, and to protect the sacred right to tell our collective story in full.

## And so we say:

We are not afraid.

We are not silent.

We are the children of truth.

We are the bearers of divine justice.

We will not go back.

We will not be erased.

We will speak the sacred story.

In the power of the rainbow covenant, In the spirit of the Universal Rainbow Faith, In the name of divine justice and historical integrity,

I hereby issue this Decree.

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