

The stars and stripes as we know it today was by no means the first American flag, but on June 14, 1777, nearly a year after the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress adopted the following resolution.

Resolved: That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white that the "union" be thirteen stars white in a blue field, representing a new "constellation"

It has been said the red stood for valor, white for purity and blue for justice.

But quoting from George Washington we find another interpretation of the colors. "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing we have separated from her and the white stripe shall go down to posterity representing liberty." Geo. Washington

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