



CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." -Preamble to the Declaration of Independence

Independence Day celebrates the founding of the United States and our freedom from British rule. Marking the historic date in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, the document was called a "rebuke and a stumbling block to tyranny and oppression" by Abraham Lincoln. As the document on which we base our principles for government and our identity as Americans, it **should inspire us to continue our fight for freedom and equality.**



ICYMI: "SOMETHING TO CHEW ON"



The CTC Committee kicked off the first of our TED Talk viewing and discussion series called "Something to Chew On." In this bi-monthly series, we will explore human experiences that open our minds and encourage us to explore our own biases. Biases are usually unfair or prejudicial and are often based on stereotypes, rather than knowledge or experience. In viewing and discussing the TED talks, we open our hearts and minds to the world and people around us.

[If you missed the first session on July 12, take a moment to listen to the TED Talk "No. You Can't Touch My Hair".](#)

STAY TUNED: The second viewing and discussion series will be in September on the TED Talk, "Invisible Diversity: A Story of Undiagnosed Autism" with Carrie Beckwith-Fellows. The talk discusses neurodiversity, which explores the range of differences in individual brain function and behavioral traits (used especially in the context of autistic spectrum disorders).

PASS THE MIC

The "PASS THE MIC" spotlight will help us build an inclusive culture that celebrates diversity at ICUS.

[Click here](#) to share events, cultural celebrations, and traditions that are IMPORTANT TO YOU. We will highlight your submissions in our monthly communications so that together we can CELEBRATE our difference and grow together.

