A free and independent Republic of Texas was officially declared March 2, 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos. Over the course of the next several days, 39 delegates to the Convention of 1836 approved the Texas Declaration of Independence. After the delegates signed the original declaration, five copies were made and dispatched to the designated Texas towns of Bexar, Goliad, Nacogdoches, Brazoria, and San Felipe. One thousand copies were ordered printed in handbill form. The handbill lists 50 of the 39 delegates who signed the declaration on March 3.

For additional information on this item and other significant documents from the Texas Revolution, see the online exhibit Texas 1836: Documents That Made a Difference at https://www.tsl.texas.gov/exhibits/texas1836/index.html.

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