



**To the Most Illustrious Senate, and to the good People of Austenasia,
We offer our Salutations and Greetings.**

Our Imperial Majesty is both humbled and honoured to address you today as the sixth Emperor of Austenasia, and to bear the titles, duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Imperial Throne.

We first wish to express our respect and gratitude to our predecessor, His Imperial Majesty Aggelos I. He was not faced with an easy situation upon succeeding to the Throne, and the entirety of his reign was beset by constant challenge. After the long reign of Jonathan I, our worthy predecessor faced the heavy task of finding his own way to exercise the role of Monarch in a rapidly changing society. He did this as he bore the additional responsibility of ruling over Imvrassia and attending to its own separate needs. To this burdensome challenge was added the rapid shifts in Imperial foreign policy, and the turmoil of the June coup attempt, in which he defended the Empire's integrity with patience, resolve, and dignity. For his courage and steadfastness in holding the Empire together in that hour, we and all of Austenasia owe him lasting gratitude.

In choosing to govern as an overseer rather than as the proactive executive, our imperial predecessor respected the democratically elected representatives of the People, and in his wish to do so, he relied heavily on elected persons for initiative in setting domestic and foreign policy. However, this choice also left sufficient space for strong-willed officials such as Musgrave to overreach in their attempts to pursue their own agendas, and this allowed disorder to take root. We say this not to criticise, as our worthy predecessor ruled according to both conscience and circumstance, as was his right. However, we must learn from experience. If the Empire is to thrive, it demands an Emperor who must be willing to stand once more stand at the centre of its governance; firm, present, resolute, active, and decisive.

We therefore pledge not to hesitate in exercising the duties of our imperial office. We shall work closely with the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, the Senate, the House of Representatives, an other duly appointed or elected officials where applicable to the task at hand. We shall actively seek advice from, and heed the words of, these venerable and distinguished

institutions and persons. But we also shall not shrink from active leadership, and shall be present and ready for any action required from the Throne. Now shall we hesitate to hold our high officials to account, in their active governance of our illustrious Empire, and honor them for exceptional service to our imperial subjects. Already, measures are being readied at our direction to welcome new subjects and to set the stage for fresh elections before the end of the year.

We are also mindful of the responsibilities the Throne holds in the spiritual life of the Empire. Austenasia is a Christian state, and though our own Imperial Majesty does not profess a defined faith or religion, we solemnly swear upon our name that we shall honor, respect, and uphold the Christian identity of the Empire. We made our solemn pledge to this long before this day, and stridently supported changes to the Constitution to enshrine this promise into law for ourselves and posterity. As such, we shall respect the faith of our Christian subjects, and shall uphold the freedom of religion in every corner of the Empire. While we may not share faith in the Christian religion, we shall respect its principles of charity and humility and seek to emulate these principles as pillars for an honorable and just reign.

We have chosen to use our adopted name of **Alexander** as our regnal name, reflecting the historical cultures of the Empire. The original meaning of the name Alexander means “defender or protector of mankind,” and we pledge to honor this name and ensure that the constitutional rights of all Austenasians are protected, and done so equally. This name references our days in the United States military, where we were tasked with keeping others safe; we wish to bring that ethos to our actions as Emperor. Many such people with this name were warriors with their own cause to strive for. As the name Alexander implies, we wish to embody that name, but for the sake of peace, prosperity, and glory for this venerated and time-honored nation.

Illustrious Senators, the Empire has endured trials, yet it stands unbroken. We have accepted the Throne as a sacred trust to restore activity where there has been stagnation, to bring growth where there has been decline, and to ensure unity where there has been division. With your counsel, and with the loyalty of our People, we are confident that together we shall see Austenasia enter a new age of stability, growth, and prosperity.

Long live the Empire!

IMPERATOR CAESAR ALEXANDER AUGUSTUS

The thirtieth of September, year of the consulship of Iohannes Princeps Coronae and Dominus Carolus Fridericus Dux Bohemiae.