



### *A Few Words From The President*

As I commented three weeks ago at the time of the event, I first must say that I despise the events that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia and our condolences go out to the families of those injured and especially of the woman who died - the first American to die fighting nazis since 1945. But I must note that here in Molossia we are not free from intolerance ourselves. We are intolerant of racists, of sexists, of ageists, of all those whose own intolerance seeks to undermine the rights of others to be free. To those people I say, your beliefs are wrong, your thoughts are wrong and you have no place in this world. A comment was made at the time, criticizing my apparent intolerance. That is correct, I am intolerant of hate. We should all be. Hate does not need to be protected as free speech. It need not be tolerated at all. This is a big, wide, diverse world and love and friendship needs to rule and rule out hate.



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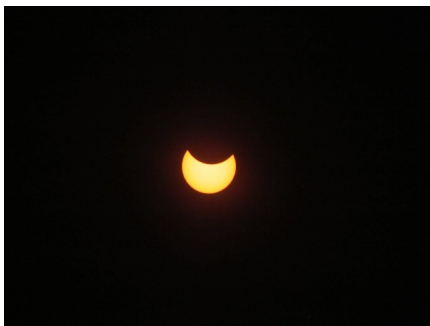
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## *Eclipse Over Molossia*

21 August 2017 XL

On 21 August 2017 XL the Republic of Molossia experienced a near-total solar eclipse. Beginning at about 9:40 AM MST the moon began its slow creep across the sun, eventually blocking about 85% of the solar disc at the height of the eclipse at 11:00 AM MST. Molossia is about 330 Imperial Nortons south of the path of complete totality, which ran north of our nation through Oregon, Idaho and parts further east. Nevertheless, the eclipse was still an awesome experience here in our nation, as temperatures cooled and shadows on the ground blurred. The President and First Lady enjoyed the spectacle from Norton Park, wearing special glasses and snapping pictures through a filtered camera. The experience rivals the annular eclipse of 2012 XXXV, both amazing experiences in our amazing world.



The Eclipse Begins



At the Height of the Eclipse



The Sun Returns

## *Molossia's Friendship Gateway Dedicated*

13 August 2017 XL

In late January 2017 XL His Excellency, The President announced the building of Molossia's Friendship Gateway. This Gateway is dedicated to inclusiveness and openness - a hole in the wall, so to speak. We invited Molossia's friends and allies to contribute to the Gateway and help us build it, one or more bricks at a time. Thanks to their support the Friendship Gateway is today a reality. After eight months of assembling materials and construction, Molossia's Friendship Gateway has risen over the entrance to Red Square. Dedicated by The President, the Friendship Gateway stands as Molossia's simple monument to peace, amity and understanding among all peoples.

His Excellency, The President's Dedication Speech:

Ladies and Gentlemen, my fellow Molossians, Greetings.

Eight months ago, I saw a shift in the attitude of the world around Molossia, a shift away from openness and inclusion to one of xenophobia and fear. I was inspired then to create a monument to amity and friendship, one that stands as a symbol of hope and freedom. As a counterpoint to walls, I envisioned a gateway, open to all regardless of race, religion, gender, national origin and color. I asked then for the support of the friends of Molossia, those that share our vision of a better world, to help build this gateway. My call was answered and today, through their contributions and assistance, Molossia's Friendship Gateway is a reality.

Though times have changed elsewhere, here in Molossia we are strongly committed to recognizing and lauding the diverse world in which we live. There is no racism here, nor sexism, ageism, homophobia or xenophobia. This is an amazing world in which we live, with a myriad of cultures and every individual has something to contribute. But our tolerance has its limits. Here we do not tolerate racism, discrimination and hate, and not only do we scorn those that hate and seek to disparage others, but we also look upon with contempt those that tacitly condone this behavior.

As I speak, over the border from Molossia flies another symbol. It is not the American Flag, under which so many have fought and died to protect freedom, but a version of the Confederate flag, a symbol of hate and racism. This flag, so popular among those that fear and despise diversity, flies in direct contrast to our Gateway, which stands for freedom and celebrates diversity. That flag has flown now for over a month and I watch it every day. As each day passes I note that it is becoming more faded in the sun and tattered in the wind. Someday soon, that flag will be gone and so too I believe that can be the course of hatred and xenophobia. Like the flag we can hope that walls between peoples will also one day fall. There are no walls attached to our Gateway, there is only the Gateway itself standing now and forever as Molossia's symbol to the world of peace, openness, goodwill and friendship. We all share a part of this amazing world, and let us therefore walk through this Gateway together toward a brighter future for all.



The Friendship Gateway



The First Bricks



Under Construction



The Gateway Complete



Gateway Contributors

# Visitors and Media

13 August 2017 XL

After a quiet few weeks without visitors, Molossia welcomed a rather large and diverse group to our nation on Saturday, 19 August 2017 XL. Beginning with the arrival of a film team from Germany's Galileo Television at 10:10 AM MST, the group shortly thereafter swelled to 14 with visitors from as far away as China and as close as nearby Dayton, Nevada. In addition to escorting the group throughout Molossia, showing off all the sights and telling all the stories about our nation, The President gave an interview each to Noah the podcaster, Trent the YouTuber and Johannes and Peter from Galileo. It was a busy day indeed and in spite of the heat everyone had a wonderful time visiting our great nation.



## Around Molossia...



Seen from Molossia, smoke from a fire in nearby Sixmile Canyon on 18 August, just a few Imperial Nortons from Molossia. The fire was extinguished the following day after consuming 316,000 square Royal Nortons of land.



Molossia's first kids, Nathan Harrison and Alexis Baugh on their first day of the new school year, 11th and 8th Grades respectively - have a great year!

## Molossia Rebus

## Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Saturday, 9 September 2017 at 10:00 AM PST

Saturday, 14 October 2017 at 10:00 AM PST



## The Molossian Navy



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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

**Flag Day - September 9th - Remembers the day the Molossian flag first flew over our sovereign territory, in 1998. It still does.**

**Moonpie Festival - September 15th - Adaptation of the Chinese Moon Festival, marking the end of summer and the beginning of autumn. Celebrated by eating Moonpies, of course!**

### September Birthdays

**No Molossia Birthday's This Month!**

## THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	37° C / 100° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	11° C / 52° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	24° C / 76° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	3.3 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

## *The Last Word With The First Lady*

Hello Everyone! I cannot believe that it is September already. Where did the summer go? Before I know it Christmas will be here! When I was younger it felt like time moved much slower. Can that be true, or am I too busy now to notice? Do you ever feel that way? Sometimes it's good to take a break, look around and really appreciate your surroundings. I read an article that said to set an alarm on your phone that pops up the word pleasure. When it comes up take a minute and take pleasure in whatever you are doing. It's raining? Smell the rain, feel it. It's sunny? Feel it shine on your face. Drinking a coffee? Savor it. All of those little things will help you appreciate the moment. One moment turns into another and before you know it, you are living a life with purpose, not just a crazed, frantic rat race, on to the next thing. Make a small pledge with me to try this once this week. In fact, try it right now. Stop and think how much you enjoy reading this newsletter. :)

Thank you all and until next time....

Stop, breathe, smile.

~Adrienne

