

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I Believe in the United States
of America as a government of
the people, by the people, for the
people whose just powers are derived
from the consent of the gov-
erned; a democracy in a republic;
a sovereign Nation of many sovereign
States; a perfect Union, one and insepar-
able, established upon those principles of
freedom, equality, justice, and humanity
for which American patriots sacri-
ficed their lives and fortunes.
I therefore believe it is my duty
to my country to love it; to sup-
port its Constitution; to obey
its laws; to respect its flag,
and to defend it against
all enemies.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James M. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed text of the American Creed. The ink is slightly faded and the paper shows some signs of age and wear.