

# The Universal Declaration of Cherry PopTarts

**Preamble** *Whereas* recognition of the inherent deliciousness and the equal and inalienable rights of all toaster pastries is the foundation of a balanced breakfast; *Whereas* disregard and contempt for the Cherry filling have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of snack-lovers; *Whereas* the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom from blandness and freedom from soggy crusts has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people;

## Article I: The Right to Frosted Integrity

All Cherry PopTarts are born with the right to a full and equitable distribution of white frosting. No pastry shall be subjected to "The Bald Edge"—a margin of dry crust exceeding 0.5 centimeters—which constitutes a violation of the consumer's expectations.

## Article II: Sovereignty of the Filling

The crimson, gooey interior shall be recognized as the sovereign heart of the pastry. It must be flavorful, nostalgic, and sufficiently "cherry-adjacent." Any filling that tastes primarily of red dye #40 without a hint of tartness is hereby declared a breach of the social contract.

## Article III: Freedom of Preparation

Every individual has the right to choose their method of preparation—be it Toasted, Untoasted, or Frozen—without fear of persecution or social shaming. However, the state recognizes the **Toaster** as the supreme vessel of enlightenment.

## Article IV: Protection of the Sprinkles

The red sprinkles (herein referred to as "The Rubies") shall be distributed with intentionality. They serve not merely as decoration, but as a textural necessity. Their absence shall be considered a decorative emergency.

## Article V: Right to the Duo-Pack

No PopTart shall be forced into solitary confinement. The fundamental unit of the Cherry PopTart is the **Pair**. To consume one and leave the other to go stale in an open foil sleeve is a crime against freshness.

This draft establishes the pastry as a protected entity.