



George Washington
1789 and 1793

“In these honorable qualifications I behold the surest pledges... that the foundation of our national policy will be laid in the pure and immutable principles of private morality, and the preeminence of free government be exemplified by all the attributes which can win the affections of its citizens and command the respect of the world.”

-First Inaugural Address, April 30th, 1789

“I shall endeavor to express the high sense I entertain of this distinguished honor, and of the confidence which has been reposed in me by the people of united America.”

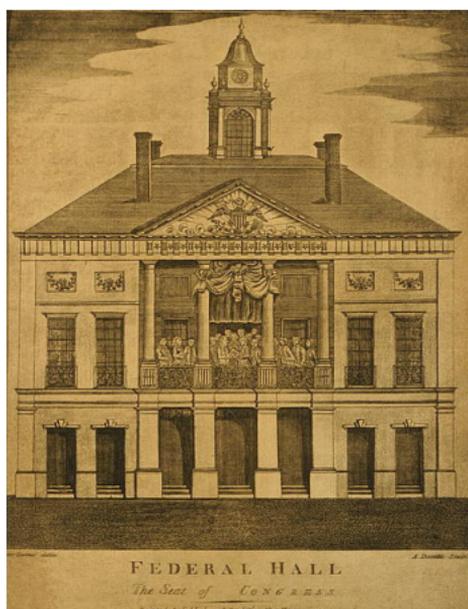
-Second Inaugural Address, March 4th, 1793

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George Washington
Home: Mount Vernon, VA
Political Party: Federalist

First Inaugural Address: 1,428 words
Second Inaugural Address: 135 words

Washington, a natural leader, was commander of the Continental Army and was elected unanimously as the first President of the United States.



On April 30, 1789, George Washington emerged onto the balcony of New York City's Federal Hall, mindful that his every word and action firmly established a precedent for

posterity. In this first Inaugural moment rich with promise, the new President charted the course for a new nation.

No matter what appears on the reverse side of the coin, an eagle or artwork representing the States and Territories, the face of the "Father of the Country" has graced the quarter since 1932.

