From behind the Resolute Desk:

My Fellow Americans, I'm here tonight to talk about The Beginning of the End of the Virus Lockdown, and the Continuation of the Re-Making America Great Again.

From the very morning after you, the American People cast your votes and ensured that I would be entrusted with leading this great country out of years of wars, economic doldrums, divisiveness and despair. You trusted my vision of Making America Great Again, and together, we DID.

The economy that we built was the best and strongest that the world has ever seen. Every economic record was not only broken, but shattered time and again by growth and expansion unlike any before.

Every race benefited. Women, men, old and young, all found new opportunities, and so very many than ever before, left poverty behind, embraced prosperity and helped Make America Great Again. And now, in the face of a relentless, invisible enemy we have to do it again. And soon.

But, we hear the objections: “Is it Safe?” “Is it too Soon?” “What about a Flare Up?”

Endless questions. Endless objections. But we can no longer let this Nation or its Economy sit idle, and so, I want to answer some of those questions and objections. I'll use some of our own History to show the way forward.

On June 6th, 1944, the Allied Forces launched from England, the largest amphibious landing and invasion that the world has ever seen, onto the beaches of France. The Nazi Empire there had spent years building what they called “The Atlantic Wall”. It was an absolutely massive and complex system of bunkers, artillery sites, machine gun emplacements and fighting trenches. All designed to hold-off exactly the invasion that fought its way ashore on that frightful and historic morning.

In charge of this invasion, was General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Though he had assembled many Armies of many hundreds of thousands, and a vast Naval fleet numbering into the thousands of ships, he knew these things about the invasion:

* Success was NOT assured.

* Even WITH success, MANY Allied Sailors, Soldiers, Aviators and Marines, would die.

And still, the invasion went on. We thank God, even today, for their bravery and success.

What many don't know is that General Eisenhower also carried a letter in his pocket that he had written and tucked away, in case that invasion had proved impossible, and failed. This is what he had written:

“Our landings in the Cherbourg-Havre area have failed to gain a satisfactory foothold and I have withdrawn the troops,” the 66-word, hand-written message began. “My decision to attack at this time and place was based on the best information available. The troops, the air, and the navy did all that bravery and devotion to duty could do. If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt it is mine alone.”

General Eisenhower knew that there would be losses, that good men would die on those beaches, in the
seas approaching those beaches, and in the skies above.

But what had to be done, WAS done, and with the planning, coordination, skill and drive so as to minimize those losses, break through the enemy's defenses, and emerge VICTORIOUS in the end.

In a similar light, when John F. Kennedy's vision of putting the First Man on the Moon before the decade of the '60s came to an end, it fell upon President Richard Nixon to bear the burden of what to say to America and to the World, in the horrible case of that mission possibly failing.

Like Eisenhower, he had written a short speech to read into the waiting TV camera, had that event became necessary. And like with the D-Day Invasion, we thank God, that the crew of Apollo 11 succeeded in all things, and returned safely to Earth. Here is what President Nixon had prepared to read in the face of catastrophe:

“Fate has ordained that the men who went to the moon to explore in peace will stay on the moon to rest in peace.

These brave men, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, know that there is no hope for their recovery. But they also know that there is hope for mankind in their sacrifice.

These two men are laying down their lives in mankind’s most noble goal: the search for truth and understanding.

They will be mourned by their families and friends; they will be mourned by their nation; they will be mourned by the people of the world; they will be mourned by a Mother Earth that dared send two of her sons into the unknown.

In their exploration, they stirred the people of the world to feel as one; in their sacrifice, they bind more tightly the brotherhood of man.

In ancient days, men looked at stars and saw their heroes in the constellations.

In modern times, we do much the same, but our heroes are epic men of flesh and blood.

Others will follow, and surely find their way home. Man's search will not be denied. But these men were the first, and they will remain the foremost in our hearts.

For every human being who looks up at the moon in the nights to come will know that there is some corner of another world that is forever mankind.”

Ladies and Gentlemen, my Fellow Americans. We have such a splendid, rich and heroic history, and it is a part of us all.

Our job now then, is to stand on the shoulders of Giants. Our Parents, Grandparents and Greats, going back over two centuries now, left us the Greatest Nation that History has or will ever know. It is in our hands to keep it, cherish it, build upon it and hand it forward to our children and theirs even better than when it was given to us; a sacred responsibility.

We are now to go forward, to charge ahead with courage, confidence and the conviction of purpose that only comes from a rightness of heart and love for our fellow man can bestow.

It is ours now to set forth onto that hostile beach, to launch into the heavens above and to emerge VICTORIOUS, in spite of obstacles, setbacks, disappointments, and yes, even sadly, casualties. There is no such thing as a casualty-free war, and this is a war that we must win, and win NOW.

And so, we begin.

Every tool and lever of the Federal, State and your Local Government will continue to bear against this
virus, it's illness and attacks. We'll still learn and adapt to new ways of doing business, being social and living our daily lives.

But we will no longer sit at home, watching our businesses wither and die, our jobs disappear and our hopes vanish into the clouds.

The “Lockdown” in the face of The Virus, was never intended to keep 100% of the people from infection or worse. It was only to slow the rate of infection, so as to not overwhelm the nation's medical capacity to treat the ill, the sick and the dying. We succeed in this in historic ways that will be studied in the Medical Schools for years to come.

And though there are tremendous therapeutic treatments in trials now, and more in development, they're not all here yet. We have treatments, but we do not have a panacea against this blight. And lastly, we do not yet have a vaccine, though at least they are in clinical trials, faster than any vaccine in history. Still, that is not a guarantee that there will be one, at least not as fast as we would wish.

We must be careful, we must be wise but we must also be brave, have courage, and move ahead without delay.

I'm calling on every State Governor, if they haven't already done so, to lift as many restrictions as possible off of their people, their population, their State. To be sure, things like tight access at nursing homes may still be required. But limiting people in their right to worship, to work, to freely assemble can no longer be accepted, much less mandated.

Finally, tonight, I'm asking every American to join me in whatever kind of prayer you might pray, even if only your thoughts in support of this.

That Almighty God sustains our courage, our strength, our health, our love for one another and our love for our Great Nation.

God Bless the United States of America.

Good night.