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Hello Double Helix Glassworks Customers,

This is a new kind of Independence Day for us. We've tried to work "undercover" as we built our business and continued our day job. Some of you know that Jed has been working at Frantz Art Glass for the past four years. That's right, the guy you call for torch advice at Frantz is Jed of Double Helix Glassworks. He's been working full time at Frantz and coming home to put in another full day for Double Helix Glassworks. The time has come for our own independence; Jed has resigned his position at Frantz to concentrate fully on Double Helix Glassworks.

In the beginning, working the night shift at a gas station to support our family and making beads on a Hot Head on the back porch of our apartment, the American Dream seemed far from possible. When Jed got a job at Frantz he soaked up all the glass knowledge available from books, classes, customers, teachers, and industry leaders. He took that knowledge added a LOT of hard work and started formulating and producing his own color rod. Over the past four years we've met some remarkable people who were willing to open a door for us. We've learned that the American Dream is possible through hard work and the generosity of other people. So on this Independence Day we'd like to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped us on our way. Thanks for supporting our small American business.

Happy Independence Day!

Jed and Julie