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Declaration of the End of Government Secrecy

1. Secrecy abuse is predominantly by governments against their citizenry.
2. Violations of citizenry secrecy, too narrowly defined as privacy, by governments are ubiquitous.
3. Growth of government secrecy causes decline in citizen secrecy.
4. Laws and their enforcement support government secrecy, in particular secret laws and enforcement.
5. Government secrecy breeds suspicion of government, as does government violation of citizen secrecy.
6. Increased government secrecy and violation of citizen secrecy eventually destroys democratic governments due to citizen suspicion and resistance.
7. Trust in government is essential to democratic government, the greater the trust the more effective the government, the less the trust the less effective the government.
8. Government secrecy and violation of citizen secrecy diminishes trust in government.
9. Citizens who are granted secrecy by the government are not trusted by those without government secrecy privilege.
10. Government granted secrecy privilege to favored citizenry divides the citizenry into mutually suspicious parties: government, government favored citizenry and citizenry without government favor.
11. Alternative means to government secrecy to control access to sensitive information are required that are not government controlled in secret.
12. Citizenry secrecy from government should be paramount for democratic government.
13. Democratic government should have no secrecy against its citizenry.
14. Access to sensitive information should be controlled by the citizenry

not by government.

15. Definition of sensitive information should be by the citizenry not by government.

16. Determination of who has access to sensitive information should be by the citizenry not by government.

17. Security of sensitive information should be by the citizenry not by government.

18. Oversight of access, definition and security of sensitive information should be by the citizenry not by government.

19. The three branches of US Government should be forbidden secrecy and subservient to the citizenry for secrecy.

20. US Government as affirmed by the citizenry should advocate global elimination of secrecy by example, leadership, rewards, support, in conjunction with arms control and termination of weapons of mass destruction.

21. Secrecy of espionage and intelligence operations shall end -- all secrets, programs and files bared completely by open online publication and distribution to unrestricted public libraries and depositories. Nevermore closed to public access.

Procedures for Baring Secrets and Phase-Out of Secretkeeping

22. All laws and regulations of secretkeeping to be opened to public, nevermore secret.

23. Classified procedures of the three branches to end, all procedures, files, judgments, hearings, legislation, open to the public without restriction.

24. Ban of new secrets promulgated by legislation, law and enforcement.

25. Prompt baring of secrets and phase-out of secretkeeping to be publicly announced, legislated and enforced domestically and promoted internationally by law, diplomacy, education, finance, economy.

26. Steps for baring secrets and the phase-out of secretkeeping:

26.1 Forced retirement of die-hard secretkeepers who will not willingly bare secrets and phase-out secretkeeping with punishment for violators and hiding of

secrets.

26.2 Require experience, professional education, licensing and continuing education of secret-keepers skilled in baring secrets phase-out of secretkeeping procedures.

26.3 Provide publicly accessible list of licensed phase-out secret-keepers and categories of secrets being bared and status of phase-out compliance.

26.4 Require phase-out secret-keepers to be publicly identifiable by personal ID, badge, clothing, residence, workplace, vehicle, with status secrets bared and of secretkeeping phase-out compliance.

26.5 Citizens can request to see credentials of phase-out secret-keepers and be provided means to verify authenticity and state of secrets baring and secretkeeping phase-out compliance.

26.6 Violations of baring secrets and phase-out secretkeeping compliance to be punished and published.

26.7 Monthly status reports on baring secrets and phase-out of secretkeeping to be published.

26.8 Legislation, laws and enforcement to be revised as necessary to assure baring secrets and phase-out of secretkeeping and prevention of secretkeeping resurgence.

26.9 Establish rewards and honors for baring secrets and secretkeeping phase-out compliance.

26.10 Provide bonuses for publicly disclosing resurgent secrecy promoters and secretkeepers, public trust violaters, cheaters, shaders, hucksters, sneaks, deceivers, tricksters, underhanders, persistent democracy saboteurs.

26.11 Such other procedures openly affirmed by the citizenry to eliminate and prevent resurgence of secretkeeping.