

# A Working Draft

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Fully appreciative of the many blessings of the Declaration of Independence

*it might now be an appropriate time to draft a*

## A DECLARATION OF ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE

**Whereas** the Declaration of (Political) Independence has, without open discussion, been transformed into a Declaration of Personal Independence;

**Whereas** this ideology has given rise to the Age of Entitlements, an age dominated by the conception that there can ever be rights without responsibilities;

**Whereas** the lack of personal and civic responsibility has generated the conception of Life as

*One-Against-All*

;  
**Whereas** this emphasis on our own welfare -- independent, if not at the expense, of the welfare of our fellow citizens --

has created **economic insecurity** for everyone, rich and poor alike,

*we affirm that our greatest political need*

*is  
to build a society  
in which  
the reality of*

# *Economic Interdependence* *is fully acknowledged.*

In this society, we declare, the fundamental conception of Life is

*One-With-All*

-- and we trust that the effect will be

economic jubilation for all.

In order to build such a society  
we are called upon to realize the political ideals of  
**Liberty, Justice, and Goodwill** toward one and all.  
In order to build such a society  
our challenge is

**to deny**

all structures of individual and societal selfishness and

**to affirm**

THE PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMIC JUSTICE  
as enunciated in  
A Bill of Economic Rights and Responsibilities.

The best explanation of economic interdependence that this writer has found is  
an article by Leonard E. Read entitled  
"I, Pencil: My family Tree". It is available from The Foundation for Economic  
Education, Inc. at [www.fee.org](http://www.fee.org)

A longer explanation of economic interdependence is contained in Carmine  
Gorga, *The Economic Process: An Instantaneous Non-Newtonian Picture*.  
Lanham, MD, and Oxford: University Press of America, 2002 and 2010.