## World Health Freedom Assembly Passes International Declaration of Health Freedom

On September 29th and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, a World Health Freedom Assembly met in St. Paul, Minnesota and adopted and proclaimed an International Declaration of Health Freedom, the full text of which appears below. Following this historic act, the assembly called upon all members of the human family, organizations, and countries present, and those others that wish to support this statement, to publicize the text of the Declaration and "to cause it to be honored, implemented, disseminated, displayed, read and endorsed by signature, by all people."

## INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF HEALTH FREEDOM

We Declare That:

Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.

Among the inalienable rights are not only the right to life, liberty, property, and the pursuit of happiness, but also the right to health, well-being, and survival.

Health is a state of physical, mental, spiritual, and personal social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

In order to secure the right to health, a human being must be able to exercise his/her fundamental right to privacy and self-determination and the right to make personal choices in pursuit of health, healing, well-being and survival.

The right to choose requires that every individual holds the right to ultimately decide whether to obtain or reject any health treatment, research, or advice.

In order to fully exercise the fundamental right of privacy and self-determination, full access to health care practitioners, healers, researchers, treatments, services, products, devices, substances and information sources of their choice must be protected and preserved for each member of the human family.

Full access to health care practitioners healers, researchers, treatments, services, products, devices, substances and truthful information is an inherent and fundamental right and is independent of the actions of any government or other regulatory public or private bodies.

There exist world-wide diverse healing arts theories, practices, treatments, substances, and modalities that are deemed by the people to contribute to their health and well-being, whether by one human or by many, and they need to be protected and available to all members of the human family.

The global adoption of these principles will strengthen the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.

Organization	Invited Voting Delegates	<u>Nation</u>
Friends of Freedom International *	Peter Helagson	Canada
Live Longer Educational Foundation *	Trueman Tuck	Canada
Mayday *	Tamara Theresa Mosegaard	Denmark_
Kommittén för Alternativ Medicin *	Birgitta Holmner	Sweden
Citizens for Health *	Jim Turner	USA
Healthkeepers Alliance *	Wendell Whitman	USA
National Health Federation *	Scott Tips	USA
National Health Freedom Action *	Clinton Miller	USA
Sunshine Health Freedom Foundation *	Joan Vandergriff	USA
Native Americans *	Mark Ravenhair	USA
Alliance for Health Freedom Australia	Michael Bending	Australia
Natural Health Care Alliance	Patricia Reed	Australia
Salud Natural A.G.	Ronald Modra	Chile
La Leva Assoc. for Freedom of Choice	Sepp Hasselberger	Italy
New Health	David Sloan	New Zealand
Alliance for Natural Health	Rob Verkerk	UK
American Association for Health Freedom	Brenna Hill	USA
National Health Freedom Coalition *	Assembly Co-Chair Diane Miller	USA
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(\*) The World Health Freedom Assembly met in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA at the William Mitchell College of Law.

Eleven of the signing organizations attended in person (\*) and nine organizations are signing via courier.

A motion was made to launch an ongoing Assembly and founders are now formalizing the Assembly and meeting monthly by conferencing.