

# Proclamation

human rights defender

**WHEREAS**, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of **December 1948**, the United Nations General Assembly adopted **The Universal Declaration of Human Rights**; and

**WHEREAS**, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is generally agreed to be the foundation of international human rights law; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of **December 1998**, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the United Nations General Assembly adopted the **Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**(hereinafter “*Declaration on human rights defenders*”);

**WHEREAS**, the Declaration on human rights defenders emphasizes that everyone has duties towards and within the community and encourages us all to be human rights defenders; and

**WHEREAS**, “*human rights defender*” is a term used to describe people who, individually and in association with others, act to promote or protect human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, a human rights defender, can act to address any human right (or rights) on behalf of individuals or groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Human rights defenders seek the promotion, protection and realization of economic, social and cultural rights; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone has the right, individually and in association with others, to promote and to strive for the protection and realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms at the national and international levels; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Ralph Davidson**, do hereby proclaim to make no attempt nor advocate the overthrow of the National Government organized as the Government of The United States of America, and with that proclamation, do hereby proclaim to be a human rights defender, and will to the best of my ability, contribute to, the effective elimination of all violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms of all men, women, and children with the Government of The United States of America, on this **25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015**, so help me Yahweh.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Human Rights Defenders, International to be affixed.*



**William Ralph Davidson, Trustee for The Pitchman Trust - human rights defender**



**Robert Thomas Macpherson Jr.**  
*Secretary for the Human Rights Defenders, International*