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The Declaration of Independence...from Paper

The unanimous Declaration of All Employees,

When in the Course of business workflows, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the bonds of paper and envelope which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the office, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Electronic Signature and of Non-Repudiation entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that digital signatures are created equal, that they are endowed by the ESIGN Act (and the EU Signature Directive) with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Time-Savings, Cost-Savings and the pursuit of Legal Assurance. --That whenever any Paper Process becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute Electronic Signatures, laying their foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to provide legal effect as well as Time and Cost-Savings. Resources, indeed, have dictated that Paper Processes long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that Companies have been more disposed to suffer, rather than to right themselves by abolishing the Paper to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of lost Deals, slow Revenue, annoyed Customers, and endless storage Cabinets evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism of Paper, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Paper Processes, and to employ new technology for their future security. --Such has been the patient sufferance of Employees; and such is

now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Workflows. The history of the present Paper Process is a history of repeated injuries and failures, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over the Office. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

Paper has refused to make things Easier within the Office, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

Paper has forbidden Sales from closing Deals of immediate and pressing importance, at times utterly neglecting to attend to them.

Paper has refused to accommodate signatures of large districts of people attending to their Web Browser, unless those people would relinquish the right of the Internet, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

Paper has called together Signing Parties at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from in front of their Computers, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with its measures.

Paper has endeavoured to prevent the population of data into document management systems; for that purpose obstructing the efficient Course of Business; raising issues with Re-Keying of Data.

Paper has obstructed the Administration of Business, by tendency to become Lost or Misplaced.

Paper has made Storage Companies, Lawyers, and Contract Departments dependent on its Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

Paper has erected a multitude of Workflow Obstacles, and sent hither swarms of Overnight Envelopes to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

Paper has kept among us, in times of peace, stuffed Inboxes without the Consent of our Employees.

Paper has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to the Pursuit of Happiness, giving its Assent to these Acts:

For Quartering large stacks of papers and Binder Clips among us:

For cutting off efficient Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxing Weight on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of a Fully Electronic Process:

For taking away our Desks, abolishing our most valuable Time, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Daily Work Lives:

Paper has, by the power of history, and wet ink, abdicated good Customer Relationships here, by declaring Customers unworthy of speedy Resolution and waging War against them.

Paper has plundered our forests, ravaged our Mailrooms, emptied our pens, and destroyed the lives of many an Employee.

Paper is at this time transporting large Truckloads of its Forces to compleat the works of desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of one to be named an Office Supply.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated paper cut. A Paper Process whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the preferred method of interaction between free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions from the Paper in our Offices. We have warned It from time to time of attempts to extend an unwarrantable power over us. We have reminded It of the circumstances of our Customer and Partner Relations. We have appealed to Paper, and we have conjured It by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. It too has been deaf to the voice of justice and of Straight-Through Processing. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold It, Enemy in War, in Peace Friend.

We, therefore, the Representatives of SIGNiX, in General Congress, Assembled, on behalf of All Employees, appealing to the Supreme Controller of the world for sufficient Budget to take action on our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of good Employees Worldwide, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Employees are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent of Paper; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the chains of Paper, and that all connection between them and the Paper Process, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent Employees, they have full Power to implement Digital Signatures, conclude Deals, contract Partnerships, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Twenty-First Century Companies may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Digital Certificates, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our SIGNiX Digital Signature Services.

Digitally Signed Here, this Day of July 2012, by the SIGNiX, Inc. Management Team

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Have a great Fourth of July!! --- from your friends at SIGNiX, Inc.