

# Exhibit 47

---

in the case of:

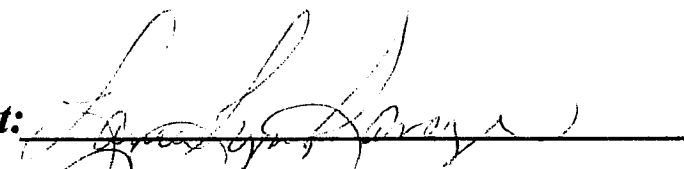
**People of the Republic of Texas  
and the  
Sovereign Nation of the Republic of Texas**

**v.**

**UNITED NATIONS  
(and all it's Political Subdivisions)  
and  
UNITED STATES  
(and all it's Political Subdivisions)**

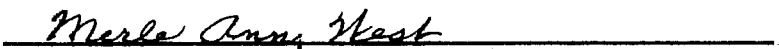
***Under the Pains and Penalties of perjury and the laws of the Almighty, and being sworn under a vow and oath, I attest that the attached pages are true and correct reprints of the Unanimous Declaration of Independence by the Delegates of the People of Texas, from an internet source as marked. This attestation made on July 28, 1998, at 2:00 PM.***

***Attest:***

  
\_\_\_\_\_

  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Witness to internet source and acquisition and above signature***

  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Witness to above signatures***

# UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,

BY THE  
DELEGATES OF THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS,  
IN GENERAL CONVENTION.

AT THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON,

ON THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH, 1836.

When a government has ceased to pro- tect the lives, liberty, and property of the people, from whom its legitimate powers are derived, and for the advancement of whose happiness it was instituted, and so far from revering our political association with the being a guarantee for their inalienable and inalienable rights, becomes an instrument in the hands of evil rulers for their oppression. When the Federal Republic Constitution of their country, which they have sworn to support, no longer has a substantial existence, and the whole nature of their government has been utterly changed, without their consent, from a republican government to a consolidated Central Military Government, in which every interest is disregarded but that of the army and the president, both the eternal enemies of civil liberty, the tyrants of the continent, and the betrayers of the spirit of the constitution, has departed, and the constitution is at length so far lost by those in power, that even the semblance of free government is removed, and the forms themselves of the constitution discontinued, and so far from their petitions and remonstrances being required, the agents who bear them are thrown into dungeons, and necessary armies sent forth to force a new government upon them at the point of the bayonet.

When, in consequence of such acts of violence and usurpation, the government is entirely destroyed, and the people are left in a state of anarchy, the first law of nature, the right of self preservation, the universal and inalienable right of the people to rebel, and to form into their own hands their own government, and to secure their own safety and happiness.

Nations, as well as individuals, are responsible for their acts to the public opinion of

A statement of a part of our grievances is therefore admitted to be a palladium of civil liberty and only safe guarantee for the life, liberty, and property of the citizen. It has failed to establish a public system of education, although possessed of almost boundless resources (the public domain) and although it is an axiom in political science, that unless a people are educated and enlightened, it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty, or the capacity for self government. It has suffered the military commandants, to exercise arbitrary and tyrannical power, thus trampling upon the most sacred rights of the citizen, and rendering the military superior to the civil power. It has demanded, by force of arms, the state congresses of Columbia and Texas, and ordered our representatives to fly for their lives from the seat of government, thus depriving us of the fundamental political right of representation. It has demanded the surrender of a number of our citizens, and ordered military detachments to seize and carry them into the interior for trial, in contempt of the civil authorities, and in defiance of the laws and the constitution. It has made practical attacks upon our colonies, and authorizing them to seize our vessels and convey the property of our citizens to far distant parts for confiscation. It denies the right of worshipping the Almighty according to the dictates of our own conscience, by the support of a National Religion, calculated to promote the temporal interest of its human functionaries, rather than the glory of the true and living God. It has demanded us to deliver up our arms, which are essential to our defence, and the property of freemen—and formulate life only to tyrannical governments. It has invaded our country both by sea and by land, with the intent to by waste our

territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing to carry on against us a war of extermination. It has, through its emissaries, incited the merciless savage, with the tomahawk and scalping knife, to massacre the inhabitants of our defenceless frontier. It has been during the whole time of our association with it, the contemptible sport and victim of successive military tyrannies, and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government. These, and other grievances, were patiently borne by the people of Texas, until they reached that point at which forbearance ceased to be a virtue. We then took up arms in defence of the National Constitution. We appealed to our Mexican brethren for assistance; our appeal has been since in vain; though months have elapsed, no sympathetic response has yet been made from the interior. We are therefore forced to the melancholy conclusion, that the Mexican people have acquiesced in the destruction of their liberty, and the substitution thereof of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self government. The necessity of self preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation.

It is therefore, the delegates, with pleasing assurance, of the people of Texas, to retain possession of the territory, and to remain united, as a united people, for the maintenance of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political association with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas, do now constitute a FREE, SOVEREIGN, and INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which property belong to independent nations; and conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the supreme Justice of the

territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing to carry on against us a war of extermination. It has, through its emissaries, incited the merciless savage, with the tomahawk and scalping knife, to massacre the inhabitants of our defenceless frontier. It has been during the whole time of our association with it, the contemptible sport and victim of successive military tyrannies, and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government. These, and other grievances, were patiently borne by the people of Texas, until they reached that point at which forbearance ceased to be a virtue. We then took up arms in defence of the National Constitution. We appealed to our Mexican brethren for assistance; our appeal has been since in vain; though months have elapsed, no sympathetic response has yet been made from the interior. We are therefore forced to the melancholy conclusion, that the Mexican people have acquiesced in the destruction of their liberty, and the substitution thereof of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self government. The necessity of self preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation.

It is therefore, the delegates, with pleasing assurance, of the people of Texas, to retain possession of the territory, and to remain united, as a united people, for the maintenance of our condition, do hereby resolve and declare, that our political association with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas, do now constitute a FREE, SOVEREIGN, and INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which property belong to independent nations; and conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the supreme Justice of the

territory, and drive us from our homes; and has now a large mercenary army advancing to carry on against us a war of extermination. It has, through its emissaries, incited the merciless savage, with the tomahawk and scalping knife, to massacre the inhabitants of our defenceless frontier. It has been during the whole time of our association with it, the contemptible sport and victim of successive military tyrannies, and hath continually exhibited every characteristic of a weak, corrupt, and tyrannical government. These, and other grievances, were patiently borne by the people of Texas, until they reached that point at which forbearance ceased to be a virtue. We then took up arms in defence of the National Constitution. We appealed to our Mexican brethren for assistance; our appeal has been since in vain; though months have elapsed, no sympathetic response has yet been made from the interior. We are therefore forced to the melancholy conclusion, that the Mexican people have acquiesced in the destruction of their liberty, and the substitution thereof of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self government. The necessity of self preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation.

### RICHARD ELLIS, President.

- |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <p>C. R. STEWART, } <i>Latin</i><br/>         THOMAS BARKETT, }<br/>         JAS. COLLINGSWORTH, }<br/>         GUY W. WALKER, } <i>French</i><br/>         ASA BRIDGMAN, }<br/>         J. S. D. HICKOK, }<br/>         FRANCISCO RUIZ, } <i>Basque</i><br/>         ANTONIO NAVARO, }<br/>         JESSE B. BARRETT, }<br/>         WILLIAM D. LACY, } <i>Colorado</i><br/>         WILLIAM MENFEE, }<br/>         JAMES GAINES, } <i>Sabine</i><br/>         W. CLARK, JR., }</p> | <p>JOHN FARRER, } <i>Coahuila</i><br/>         MATT CALDWELL, }<br/>         WILLIAM MURPHY, } <i>Galicia</i><br/>         L. DE ZAVALA, } <i>Hamburg</i><br/>         STEPHEN EVERETT, }<br/>         GEORGE W. SMITH, } <i>Japan</i><br/>         EDUARD STAFF, } <i>Texas</i><br/>         CLAUDIUS WEST, } <i>Texas</i><br/>         WILLIAM B. SCOVILLE, } <i>Texas</i><br/>         M. B. MESARD, } <i>Liberty</i><br/>         A. B. HARRIS, }<br/>         DAVID HARRISMAN, } <i>Alabama</i></p> | <p>J. W. BENTON, } <i>Miss.</i><br/>         THOMAS J. GAZELAT, }<br/>         R. M. COLEMAN, }<br/>         ROBERT POTTER, } <i>Nevada</i><br/>         THOMAS J. HUBB, }<br/>         CHAS. S. TAYLOR, }<br/>         JOHN S. ROBERTS, }<br/>         ROBERT HAMILTON, } <i>Red River</i><br/>         COLMAN MCKISNEE, }<br/>         A. H. J. LATHRUP, }<br/>         MARTIN PARKER, } <i>San Antonio</i><br/>         E. O. DEARBOND, }<br/>         STEPH. W. BLOUNT, }</p> | <p>SYD. O. PENNINGTON, } <i>St. Louis</i><br/>         W. C. L. CRAWFORD, }<br/>         JAMES POWERS, } <i>Illinois</i><br/>         EABE HOUSTON, }<br/>         DAVID THOMAS, }<br/>         EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN, } <i>San Antonio</i><br/>         JOHN TUNSON, }<br/>         T. B. BARRIS, } <i>Washington</i><br/>         G. W. BARRETT, }<br/>         JAMES G. SWISHER, }<br/>         JESSE GRIMES, }</p> |
|--|--|---|---|