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INTRODUCTION

According to God's prophetic word and its fulfillment thus far, we are approaching an unprecedented time of trouble for the present world. Jesus foretold this great prophecy of the conclusion of this system of things: "There will be great tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning until now, no, nor will occur again."

In view of what was decreed, what position do we as Jehovah's Witnesses, take toward the world? At times the expression "the world" refers to mankind in general as at John 3: 16; however, the Bible plainly shows that the term "world" can sometimes refer to human society that is alienated from God.

Note Jesus' words regarding this at John 17:14: "I have given your word to them, but the world has hated them because they are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world." This is a vitally important principle by which Jehovah's Witnesses are guided. In view of the foregoing, as Jehovah's Witnesses assembled at this Deliverance At Hand Convention, we make the following declaration and resolve:

1. Because of our love for Jehovah and for our neighbors, we are determined to intensify our witness to the world of mankind regardless of their race, nationality or station in life.
2. Having made an unreserved dedication to God, we are determined to give Jehovah our exclusive devotion. He comes first in our life.
3. Just as Jesus was no part of the world, neither are we part of human society that is alienated from God.
4. Out of loyalty to Jehovah and to his son, Jesus, we are firmly resolved not to compromise the Bible's righteous principles.
5. We utterly refuse to become involved with the futile interfaith movements, as well as social programs and schemes designed to perpetuate a system that God has condemned as a failure.
6. We will continue to show relative subjection to properly constituted authority, respectfully giving to Caesar what is Caesar's and rendering to God the things that are God's. We do not take sides or become involved in political controversies.
7. We will resist with all of our strength, the spirit of the world that manifests in it such things as materialism, unwholesome entertainment, overindulgence in food and alcoholic beverages, the plague of pornographic material and the curiosity or temptation that lures one into association with outsiders through Internet chat rooms.

In all these ways we are determined to give evidence of being no part of the world, making that manifest in every aspect of our life and in our relationship with others. With the help and strength that God supplies and support from his inspired word, we will maintain a scripturally balanced position regarding this time of stress and upheaval.

As Jehovah's Witnesses, it is our resolve to remain set apart from the world in accord with sound scriptural principles. We are determined to pursue this course wholeheartedly so as to have God's approval.

Thus our expectation is to survive the end of this present wicked system of things into a clean, righteous and enduring new world where we will enjoy God's gift of everlasting life.

All those in favour of adopting this resolution please say "Aye".