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AHEM Finds a Unique Way to Celebrate July 4th

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP, New Jersey (July 4, 2013) - This July 4th, the Anti Human Extinction Movement (AHEM) and its community of collaboratists are flipping the script and going global by celebrating a holiday that memorializes the start of peace via the launch of [AHEM's Declaration of Interdependence](#).

"On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence," explained [AHEM Co-Founder, Chris Blockus](#), "It's an event that kicked off the American Revolutionary War, which is a radically significant historical moment: it not only formally broke political ties between King George and the 13 colonies but also helped shape global culture for more than two centuries."

"This separation - or 'independence' as Americans like to spin it - brought Europeans a step closer to achieving a more perfect union, but it also set the stage for the bias and exploitation that enabled the culture of consumption we all find ourselves in today." said [AHEM Founder, Laura Stanik](#).

"The story of Independence Day memorializes the political independence the 13 colonies declared from the British empire, but the message of Independence Day also celebrates the independent spirit of each individual American," said Blockus.

"At AHEM, we're all about the spirit and power of individuals, but evidence proves people have always been connected to, and reliant upon, one another and our surroundings. When we recognize our interdependence, we're both more truthful and more powerful. Although often celebrated with the best of intentions, Independence Day is actually a microcosmic expression of the roots of many of the serious problems we face in the world today," said Stanik. "AHEM's collaboratists would really like to pass on the whole going extinct thing, and recognize that recognizing our connections is the first step to solving the serious problems we face."

Compelled by this line of thought, Blockus and Stanik decided to propose an alternative cause for celebration that is more closely aligned with the values that underpin long-term human survival. The NJ pair penned AHEM's Declaration of Interdependence, the founding document of AHEM. Unlike the Declaration of Independence (which was only signed by a delegation of white men), AHEM's Declaration of Interdependence went live for all the people of the world to sign at 12 AM on Thursday. Rather than recognize July 4th as an American holiday that glorifies the signing of a document that began a divisive war, Blockus and Stanik invite the global community to memorialize it as the day people everywhere signed a document that began a peace based around our mutual reliance.

"We think that's something far more worthy of contemplation," said Blockus.

"It's time we adopt more relevant values and celebrate collaboration," said Stanik.



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The **Anti Human Extinction Movement (AHEM)** is a social change organization that recognizes we need to declare our interdependence and interrupt everything - from our mythologies to our lifestyles - if we're going to avoid human extinction. Since 2010, the organization has been uniting people worldwide to do better.

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