

# A Proclamation

*Whereas, the United States' space efforts have been most successful when they have reflected the dreams, values, and hopes of the American people;*

*Whereas, recent difficulties in our national space program are largely due to a lack of public participation in the setting of national space goals and policy in previous years;*

*Whereas, the National Commission on Space heard citizens across the country articulate their common vision of an open frontier in space for all humanity;*

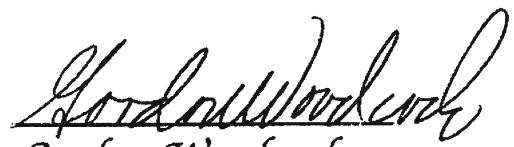
*Resolved, that:*

*We, the former Presidents of the L5 Society and the National Space Institute, do announce and proclaim the merging of our organizations to become the National Space Society, and pledge to each other and to our members that we shall lead the American people in fully expressing their vision and more effectively participating in our nation's future in space.*

*We further declare the Society's long-range goals to be: to create a spacefaring civilization which will establish communities beyond the Earth; to promote the exploration and economic development of space; to advocate the opening of the space frontier, thereby enabling humanity to take its rightful place in the Solar System.*

  
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Gordon Woodcock  
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