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Declaration of Data Governance

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Data Governance Policies

- Based on my blog post, which was first published on the DataFlux Community of Experts on July 7, 2010
- To me, the primary focus of **data governance** is the strategic alignment of people throughout the organization through the definition, and enforcement, of **policies** in relation to data access, data sharing, data quality, and data usage, all for the purposes of supporting critical business decisions and enabling optimal business performance
- A data governance policy *declares* what data governance really governs, the (often complex) ways in which people, business processes, data, and technology interact

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When in the course of Business Maturity, it becomes necessary
For one Organization to dissolve the Political Barriers which
Have separated their Business Units from each other, and to
Assume among the Powers of the Enterprise, the United and
Shared Purpose to which the Laws of Human Nature and for
The Greater Corporate Good guide them, and with always a
Decent Respect to the Opinions of all People, requires that
They should Declare the causes which impel them to
Implement Data Governance.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident,

That all Data is a Corporate Asset, owned by the entire Enterprise, and endowed by its Data Stewards with certain Unalienable Rights, that among these are:

Data Quality Standards,

Business Relevant Metrics,

And the pursuit of a Shared Version of the Truth.

That to secure these Rights, Policies are instituted among People, Business Processes, Data, and Technology, deriving Their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed to abide By them, and that whenever any Policy disrupts optimal Business Performance, it is the Right of the Data Governance Board to refine or remove it, and to institute a new Policy, Laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to Effect its Measurement and Enforcement.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Policies long established
Should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and
Accordingly all Data Governance Maturity Models have
Shown, that Enterprises are more disposed to adopt a
Data Governance Framework when it is tailored to fit the
Unique Corporate Culture to which they are accustomed.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the People,
Business Processes, Data, and Technology of this Enterprise,
Do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the Good People of
this Organization, solemnly Publish and Declare, that this
Data Governance Program is, and by Right ought to be,
Our new Enterprise Standard of Excellence.

For the support of this Declaration of Data Governance,
And with a firm Reliance on the Protection of the
Human Side of Business,
We now mutually pledge to each other,
Our Communication, our Collaboration, and our Trust.

So Say We All!