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SWORN DECLARATION OF WILLIAM EDSON JESSOP

For Filing with the Division of Corporations & Commercial Code, Department of Commerce, State of Utah

William Edson Jessop hereby declares as follows

1 I am over twenty one years old, am competent to make this declaration, and have knowledge of the matters stated herein

2 I was raised in Hildale, Utah in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (the 'FLDS Church' or the "Church")

3 I have served as Bishop of the FLDS Church and in other ecclesiastical responsibilities since 2004

4 I am well-acquainted with Warren S Jeffs, who currently is incarcerated in Texas

5 Warren S Jeffs called me in 2007 At that time of the call, Mr Jeffs was incarcerated During our conversation, Warren S Jeffs informed me that he does not hold priesthood and that he had been immoral He also informed me that he was aware of my ordination performed by his father, Rulon T Jeffs, and he acknowledged that I am the Key Holder (i.e., the person appointed to be the prophet of the FLDS Church)

6 I am aware that in other conversations while Warren S Jeffs was incarcerated, many of which were made public starting in 2007, Warren S Jeffs made the following statements (among others)

[T]hat I [Warren S Jeffs] do not hold priesthood anymore, and that you, my family, should look to Brother William E Jessop as Key Holder of the priesthood

I [Warren S Jeffs] was in a key position, but not the Key Holder It is me who committed immoral acts

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William E Jessop is the Key Holder

I'll [Warren S Jeffs] tell Brother William that all of the ordinance work of all of the people, since Father's passing, that I have done, has to be done over, re-appointed and such

I [Warren S Jeffs] am not the Prophet I never was the Prophet And I have been deceived by the powers of evil And Brother William E Jessop has been the Prophet, since father passed – since the passing of my father

7 The foregoing statements made by Warren S Jeffs, as well as other statements, were taped, and with respect to some of Mr Jeffs' statements, Mr Jeffs instructed his brother, Nephi, to "get a copy of th[e] video, and let everyone see it who desires to see it "

8 I am aware of an Affidavit of Boyd K Knudson dated March 31, 2011, that was filed with the State of Utah, Department of Commerce In his affidavit, Mr Knudson states in paragraph 5 that "according to Church rules William Edson Jessop has never been upheld by the Church congregation as President of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Common consent is required by the Church " Similar statements are contained in the Affidavits of Lyle S Jeffs, Vaughan E Taylor, John M Barlow, and Ray M Barlow Each affidavit refers to ' Church rules,' but none identifies or explains what the "rules" purportedly are or where those rules can be found

9 I am aware that, at least during my lifetime, a congregation of the Church has not sustained or affirmed anyone as President or Prophet (or, to my knowledge, in any other capacity) – at least prior to February 2011, when Mr Boyd Knudson and other affiants claim to have witnessed a congregation ' estimated to be over 4,000 members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints ' sustain Warren Steed Jeffs as President of the Church What Boyd Knudson, Lyle Jeffs, Vaughn Taylor, John Barlow and Ray Barlow did not disclose to the congregation is that (1) Warren S Jeffs previously acknowledged, both to me and

to others, that I am the person who was called to be the President and Prophet of the Church to succeed Rulon Jeffs in those capacities, (2) Warren S Jeffs has not held priesthood due to his immorality, and therefore he could not properly serve as President and Prophet of the Church (3) Warren S Jeffs has acknowledged a series of immoral acts that would disqualify him as a leader of the Church, even had he originally been rightfully appointed, (4) Warren S Jeffs placed me under covenant to fulfill Section 43 in the Doctrine and Covenants (where a prophet can only appoint another instead of leading a people astray), to assume the leadership role as President and Prophet of the Church, and (5) Warren S Jeffs has never retracted or recanted the immoral acts he confessed to me and others or the covenant placed on me

10 In my conversation with Warren S Jeffs that occurred in 2007, he stated to me that, in order to fulfill Section 43 of the Doctrine and Covenants, he was placing me under covenant to be the Key Holder, and he acknowledged that he did not hold that position and stated that he did not want to continue to lead the people astray

11 I asked Warren S Jeffs whether what he told me was a test on myself and on the members of the Church Warren S Jeffs stated to me that it was not a test but rather that it was a directive from God Mr Jeffs further stated that he had sent men away from the community accusing them of not holding priesthood Mr Jeffs indicated those men needed to return to the community and be restored to their families because they in fact did hold priesthood I replied by stating, “yes sir ”

12 It is my understanding that an overwhelming number of the members of the Church are not aware of the foregoing facts The “common consent” referenced in the affidavits of Boyd Knudson, Lyle Jeffs, Vaughan Taylor, John Barlow and Ray Barlow connotes voluntary and informed consent – action that is free from intimidation and harassment

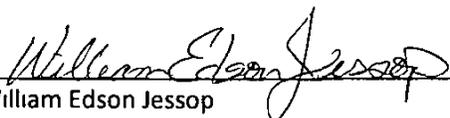
13 Church members currently are subjected to intimidation by certain leaders of the Church. They also currently are under strict instructions from Warren S. Jeffs not to access the internet, where videos of Mr. Jeffs' jailhouse statements and confessions can be found. If members of the Church act inconsistent with the instructions of Warren S. Jeffs, they are subject to being immediately cast out of the Church, male members of the Church who hold the priesthood may have their priesthood removed, and non-compliant members may be evicted from their homes and have their belongings removed. These actions are taken by Church "leaders" solely appointed by Warren S. Jeffs, none of whom have been called or sustained by "common consent" of the members of the Church, and who act upon the instructions of Warren S. Jeffs without providing any forum or ability on the part of the disciplined individuals to rebut charges or to otherwise receive a hearing required by Church doctrine.

14 If the membership of the Church declines to sustain me as the President of the Church, that obviously is their prerogative. The membership of the Church should be provided that opportunity, however, after first having had the opportunity to understand all relevant facts and not be cloaked under secrecy. Church members also should be free from the express or implied threat of being expelled from the Church if they decline to exercise their consent in support of Warren S. Jeffs.

15 The documents I filed on or about March 28, 2011 with the State of Utah, Department of Commerce, Division of Corporations & Commercial Code are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct documents.

I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct

Executed on April 28, 2011



William Edson Jessop