Declaration of Data Independence

i.   **Data is more important than applications.**

ii.   **Data value increases with the number of connections it shares.**

iii.   **Data about data can expand to as many layers as there are meanings.**

iv.   **Data modeling harmony is the alignment of syntax, semantics, and pragmatics.**

v.   **Data and logic are the yin and yang of information processing.**

vi.   **Data modeling makes the implicit explicit and the transparent apparent.**

vii.   **Data standardization is not amenable to competition.**

viii.   **Data modeling must be decentralized.**

ix.   **Data relations must not be based on probability or luck.**

x.   **Data is truly independent when the next generation need not reinvent it.**

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