



UNITED LEAGUE OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS TREATY

PREAMBLE

We, the signatory Indigenous Nations and Peoples, hereby pledge mutual recognition of our inherent rights and power to govern ourselves and our ancestral homelands and traditional territories. Each signatory nation, having provided evidence that their respective governing body has taken action in accordance with their own custom, law and or tradition to knowingly agree to and adopt the terms of this treaty, hereby establish the political, social, cultural and economic relations contemplated herein.

PRINCIPLES

Recognizing each other as self-governing Indigenous Nations, we subscribe to the following principles:

1. The Creator has made us part of and inseparable from the natural world around us. This truth binds us together and gives rise to a shared commitment to care for, conserve, and protect the land, air, water and animal life within our usual, customary and traditional territories.
2. Our inherent customary rights to self-governance and self-determination have existed since time immemorial, have been bestowed by the Creator and are defined in accordance with our own laws, values, customs and mores.
3. Political, social, cultural and economic relationships between our Indigenous Nations have existed since time immemorial and our right to continue such relationships are inseparable from our inherent Indigenous rights of nationhood. Indigenous Peoples have the right of self-determination and, by virtue of that right, our Peoples freely determine our political status and freely pursue our social, cultural and economic development.
4. No other political jurisdiction, including nation states and their governmental agencies or subdivisions, possess governmental power over any of our Indigenous nations, our people and our usual, customary and traditional territories.
5. Our inherent, aboriginal control and enjoyment of our territories includes our collective rights over the environment consisting of the air, lands, inland waters, oceans, seas, sea ice, flora, fauna and all other surface and sub-surface resources.
6. Our Indigenous rights include all traditional and ecological knowledge derived from our relationship with our lands, air and waters from time immemorial, the exercise of conservation practices, traditional ceremonies, medicinal and healing practices and all other expressions of art and culture.

GOALS

This Treaty is for the purpose of achieving the following goals:

1. To establish supportive bonds among signatory Indigenous Nations in order to secure, recover, and promote, through political, social, cultural and economic unity, the rights of all our peoples, the protection and recovery of our homelands and for the well-being of all our future generations.
2. To establish a foundation for the exercise of contemporary Indigenous nation sovereignty, without regard to existing or future international political boundaries of non-Indigenous nations, for the following purposes: (a) protecting our cultural properties, including but not limited to sacred songs, signs and symbols, traditional ecological knowledge and other forms of cultural heritage rights by collectively affirming the principle that our own Indigenous laws and customs regarding our cultural properties are prior and paramount to the assertion of any other laws or jurisdiction including international bodies and agencies, (b) protecting our Indigenous lands, air and waters from environmental destruction through exercising our rights of political representation as Indigenous nations before all national and international bodies that have been charged, through international treaties, agreements and conventions, with environmental protection responsibilities, (c) engaging in mutually beneficial trade and commerce between Indigenous nations and the economic enterprises owned and operated collectively by Indigenous peoples and by individual citizens of our Indigenous nations, and, (d) preserving and protecting the human rights of our Indigenous people from such violations as involuntary servitude, human trafficking, or any other forms of oppression.
3. To develop an effective and meaningful process to promote communication and cooperation among the Indigenous Nations on all other common issues, concerns, pursuits, and initiatives.
4. To ensure that scholarly exchanges and joint study on strategies of self-determination are undertaken by Indigenous scholars.

MUTUAL COVENANTS

We, the signatory Indigenous Nations, are committed to providing the following mutual aid and assistance, to the best of our ability and in accordance with our own prior and paramount Indigenous laws, customs and traditions:

1. Exchanging economic, legal, political, traditional and technical knowledge regarding the protection of Indigenous cultural properties.
2. Collaborating on research on environmental issues that impact Indigenous homelands, including baseline studies and socio-economic assessments that consider the cultural, social and sustainable uses of Indigenous Peoples' territories and resources.
3. Participating in trade and commerce missions to lay a foundation for business relations and the development of an international, integrated Indigenous economy, and

Each signatory Indigenous Nation shall:

1. Appoint a coordinator or responsible official for Treaty matters;
2. Identify and establish an inter-Nation coordination office and communication network to assist in assembling data, information, knowledge and research needed to effectively address substantial issues of common concern;
3. Coordinate statements of policy and information on Treaty matters, especially information to be disseminated to the media;
4. Participate in periodic reviews and strategy planning sessions as needed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Treaty is August 1, 2007.

RATIFICATION

Following the effective date of this Treaty, any other Indigenous Nation may ratify this Treaty at a meeting of the United League of Indigenous Nations. Ratifying Indigenous Nations may attach explanations or clarifications expressing their respective cultural understandings associated with the provisions of the Treaty through a Statement of Understandings which must be consistent with the spirit and intent of the Treaty.

Covelyn Jefferson
Lummi Nation *we-yak-gwelk*

Chief Janet Carlsrud X
Sucker Creek First Nation 150 A

Aroha Te Pareake Mead
Te Runanga O Ngati Awa

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MAKAH TRIBE

Rahert Sam, chief
Songhees Nation

Quinn Tu

Hoh Indian Tribe

We, the undersigned Indigenous Nation representatives hereby acknowledge witnessing the signing of the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty on August 1, 2007 at the Lummi Nation. We support the principles and concepts presented in this Treaty. We will take the Treaty to our respective Nation governments for review in anticipation of approval for signature at a signing ceremony to be held by the close of the year 2007.

Witnesses:

Name:

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Ink Alwagelih
Acha Te Pareake Mead
Nehemiah Dyche
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Janice W. Mober
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TERRY WILLIAMS
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Nation:

Atish Natin Community
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa
Mataatua Assembly of Tribes
Campo Kumeyaay Nation
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Sauk-Suiattle
Lummi Nation
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Sucker Creek
Sucker Creek F.N.
NGARRINDJERI NATION, #
Mackinac Tribe
Celito Wyam
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
TULALIP TRIBES

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Witnesses:

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Nation:

Arsenio C. Pedro / Rainier Rider
Alan Parker
A. Will Zier
Billy J. [unclear]
James M. [unclear]
Steve Newcomb
Redwing Cloud
Frank [unclear]
Laurie [unclear]

Hlingit Nation (Raven)
Chippewa Cree Tribal Nation
S. [unclear] CPA
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FISHING COMMITTEE
Lummi Nation
Shawnee - Lenape
Muscogee Nation of Florida
Da'naada'xu Nation
Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians

We, the undersigned, witnessed this treaty signing at Lummi Nation, August 1st, 2007.

~~Paul~~ Paul Campos

~~John M. ...~~

Sheldon ...

Curt-a-nom-it Dotti Chamblin

Alan Parker

Billy ...

Jonathan ...

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Linda N. George

Frank E. George

Daryle Rigney

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Jack McCloud Jr

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Schurly (Sucker Creek)
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