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## 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:

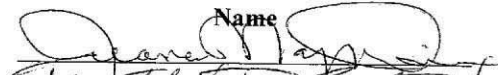
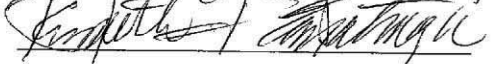
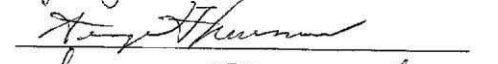
1. Appoint a coordinator or responsible official for Treaty matters;
2. Identify and establish an inter-Nation coordination office and communication network to assist in assembling data, information, knowledge and research needed to effectively address substantial issues of common concern;
3. Coordinate 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.

RATIFICATION

The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was first signed in the territory of the Lummi Nation (USA) on August 1, 2007. The following 11 Indigenous Nations are the original signatories from August 1, 2007: Lummi Nation, Sucker Creek First Nation I 50 A, Te Runanga O Ngati Awa, Ngarrindjeri Nation, Douglas Village of the Tlingit Nation, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Akiak Native Community, We Wai Kai Nation, Makah Tribe, Songhees Nation.

It was decided during the meeting and signing ceremony at Lummi that a formal ratification ceremony would take place during the annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. During the signing ceremony at Lummi Nation, it was decided to leave the Treaty open for other Indigenous Nations to join the United League of Indigenous Nations. Such nations would be considered original signatories of the Treaty. During the formal ratification ceremony, the following Indigenous Nations are indicating their approval and acceptance of the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty.

THE FOLLOWING NATIONS BY THEIR SIGNATURES BELOW INDICATE THEIR APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE UNITED LEAGUE OF INDIGENOUS NATIONS TREATY ON NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Name	Nation
	Peurma Band of Mission Indians
	SAINTS MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA NATIONS
Judy Winchester	Pekagon Band of Potawatomi
	Star & Fry Nation
Frank Atawagalik	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Aigashkubos 1st Chief for Louis Taylor, chairman	Lac Courte Oreilles Anishinabe Lake Superior Chippewa

We, the undersigned, witnessed the signing of the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty at National Congress of American Indians Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, U.S.A., on November 14, 2007.

WITNESSES

Name	Nation
Susan Ineed Mandith Held	Winnebago - Nebraska
Hayd M. Hernandez	Makah Nation
Robert Kennedy	Chickasha Myus
Joseph Chamberlain (Wetti)	Makah Nation grandmothers
Joanna Mounce Stancio	Shawnee
K. K. Wilson	Sucker Creek First Nation
David Burns	Sucker Creek First Nation
Ken Canfield	Sucker Creek First Nation
Gregory Prince	Sucker Creek First Nation
Jude Moon Stampff	San Carlos Apache
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Michelle Hegman	Polegon Band of Potawatomi
Virginia Davis	National Congress of American Indians
Virginia Dth	Pole Band of Mission Indians
CHERYL L. McCLELLAN	SAC and Fox Nation
ORLANDO ALEXIS	ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION
Charles Hajo Lamin	Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
Michelle Jeannine LaCourt	LITTLE-TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF OJAWA INDIANS
Peggy Josephine Hines	Northern Arapaho
Bobby Jack M.	Mispooky Tribe NWT, FC
Danielle Doreau	_____
Enrique Castillo	_____
Rickie Edwards	Lummi Nation
Audrey Summersky Williams	AKIMEL O'ODHAM



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<i>Seatrice Law</i>	<i>Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Cherokee/Okinawa</i>
<i>Paul Adams</i>	<i>Marak</i>
<i>mtwa Nibawikwe</i>	<i>Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa</i>
<i>Alie King Yallobant</i>	<i>Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa</i>
<i>Joseph Benjamin Lucier</i>	<i>Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, OR</i>
<i>Frank Joderoy</i>	<i>Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde</i>
<i>Lecher Joderoy</i>	
<i>Frank Dagnier</i>	
<i>Dudley Falcon</i>	<i>Saginaw Chippewa Tribe</i>
<i>Deborah Bo Johnson</i>	<i>Isapi - Cherokee</i>
<i>John Theriot Ayler</i>	<i>Tulip Tribes</i>
<i>Kara M Briggs</i>	<i>Yakama, Snohomish</i>
<i>A. Chimere Cadeau</i>	<i>Keweenaw Gay</i>
<i>Meghan Kelly</i>	<i>Scout St. Marie Chippewa</i>
<i>Donna Budnick</i>	<i>Little Traverse Bay Bands Odawa</i>
<i>Jane Howard</i>	<i>Naticoke Lemni-Lenape</i>
<i>Becki Cardinal</i>	<i>Sucker Creek First Nation</i>
<i>Judge Elbert Cochran</i>	<i>Hopi Tribe</i>
<i>William Frank</i>	<i>Nisqually</i>
<i>Cam Maulden</i>	<i>Los Du Flambaro Band WI</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Lummi Nation (Xwilem')</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>Jaysonha Revey Lummi Nation</i>
<i>Laura Porter</i>	<i>Laura Porter Lummi Nation</i>
<i>Cynthia C. B.</i>	<i>Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians</i>