

INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' ALLIANCE TO PROTECT SACRED SITES:  
A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, we have gathered as Indigenous Elders from the Americas, Asia and Australia in good faith and in prayer to build alliances and strengthen each other in our mutual paths to self-reliance, the revitalization of our unique cultures and Peoples, and the protection of our sacred sites:

Recognizing the urgent need to work together to engender global respect and promote our inherent rights as Indigenous Peoples, which derive from our unique societal structures and from our traditional cultures, spiritual traditions, histories, and lifeways, especially our rights to protect and govern our sacred places and safeguard and practice our traditional knowledge; and

Acknowledging that respect for, and the practice of, our Peoples traditional knowledge, cultures and spiritual practices contributes to sustainable and equitable development and proper management and balance of the environment and the physical and spiritual world; and

Recognizing that we must work together as Indigenous Peoples globally to ensure that our voices are heard in a secular and capitalistically driven world which is not of our creation.

Now therefore we declare and proclaim:

Article 1

Our Peoples each hold a unique portion of the gifts of Creator for the world, and as such have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination in the exercise of our gifts, in particular based on our unique indigenous origin, cultural foundation, homelands, sacred sites, spiritual practices, identities, and sovereignty in the education of our youth.

Article 2

Our Peoples understand that there is a direct correlation between mineral development, the fossil fuel industry and climate change. These practices violate Grandmother Earth and global warming is a direct result of these practices that we recommend stop immediately. With this understanding the abuse of Grandmother Earth must stop in order to preserve Her for our future generations.

Article 3

Our Peoples have the right to clean water for our families and communities, and the right to utilize our traditional knowledge systems regarding the management of Grandmother Earth to protect these waters. All governments need to honor and live up to their responsibilities regarding recognized treaties and agreements, and be held accountable if they fail to do so. Promoting these practices will ensure that the next seven generations will also be able to exercise this right. We offer our collaboration to restore sacred sites whenever possible and we demand that spiritual ancestral authorities be acknowledged and respected.

Article 4

We proclaim that the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) is a declaration that should be implemented by all member States of the United Nations. UNDRIP is a basic standard for the protection of the human rights of Indigenous Peoples. Therefore, it should be implemented into domestic law by each of the member States.

Therefore, by this proclamation we agree to share wisdom and build alliances to ensure the implementation of UNDRIP within our communities and members States.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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