

# **SACRED PROCLAMATION OF THE ONE NATION CONCERNING THE SOVEREIGNTY/JURISDICTION OF THE WOLASTOQEWIYIK NATION OF TOBIQUE**

## **Declaration of Principles of The One Nation**

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To overcome the Cultural Barriers of Divided Nations, a Declaration of Principles within Yourself, The Youth, and All Races of Mankind is to keep the Sacred Fires of our Ancestors burning for Future Generations to learn the Wisdom Knowledge of the Elders. Bless your Sacred Fires to Gather in Unity for Inspiration, Harmony, Cultural Exchange, Identity and Respect for One's Heritage. Spread Your Wings in Balance like the Butterfly, the Bird, the Hawk, and the Eagle to scale the Heights of Your Creative, Potential Self to Light the Spiritual Fires Within. There are some things in Life that you Cannot Change, the Eternal things.

## **Preamble**

The Indigenous Sovereign Nations, who have executed the within PROCLAMATION, who live and prosper in the traditional ways within the current borders of Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand have signed The Declaration of Sovereignty of The One Nation (being a loosely confederated Nation consisting of all such signatory Sovereign Indigenous Nations), by which these Indigenous Sovereign Nations have united as ONE to re-assert their inherent sovereignty as ONE. On April 20, 2008, The Algonquin Nation from Northern Quebec (Barriere Lake/Rapid Lake) held a sacred signing ceremony, at which time the traditional Elders (including Chief Casey Ratt, the recently elected Band Council Chief) signed the Declaration, thereby giving birth to The One Nation. The Mi'kmaq Nation was the next to sign, numerous others having followed.

The next major gathering for the purpose of signing took place on July 8-9, 2008, at Greenbelt Park, Maryland, 12 miles North of Washington, D.C. The Australian and New Zealand Sovereign Indigenous Nations have also effectuated their own signing across their sacred lands. (Signatures are to be provided upon request)

Importantly, on September 13, 2007, the United Nations' General Assembly adopted the United Nations' Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples (the "UN Declaration"). This UN Declaration recognizes the right of our Indigenous Sovereign Nations to self-determination. The One Nation is the next step to lead all Sovereign Indigenous Nations forward toward true self-determination. The UN Declaration was established as precedent in a recent case decided by the Supreme Court of Belize (October 18, 2007, ruling in favor of the Mayan Nation titled "Cal v. Attorney General"), which upholds the self-determination rights of the Indigenous Mayan People. Other authorities are available.

The creation of The One Nation "immediately" frees the Indigenous Sovereign Nations to re-assert their sovereignty/jurisdiction, an inherent sovereignty/jurisdiction which was never surrendered. The One Nation is born from all things positive, not from anger for past oppression and atrocities undeniably committed. These things are forgiven. When the colonizers arrived, as predicted in our Prophecies, our ancestors welcomed them and cared for them, as the Creator instructed, when they could not care for themselves. They were like children sitting at our feet in need of sustenance, which many of our ancestors gladly provided. The children grew up steadily over the course of several hundred years, only to rebel against their caregivers, reacting with greed and forgetfulness of all that was done for them and all that we tried to teach them, harming our one Mother the Earth in the process. For this they are also forgiven. The time has come, however, when these now young adults must realize and admit the error of their youthful and frivolous ways and turn once again to the wisdom and care of those who raised them.

Significantly, The One Nation extends, once again, its open hand in friendship and in good faith to Canada (and its smaller nephew, New Brunswick) as our gesture of our desire to continue to coexist for the benefit and respect of all living creatures and our one true Mother, the Earth herself. In return, we only ask that our sovereignty and jurisdiction be respected.

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The One Nation, as set forth above, was established on April 20, 2008, by the signing of The Declaration;

**WHEREAS**, the Indigenous Sovereign Nations signatory hereto have joined together in a confederated Nation for the purposes and under the **PRINCIPLES** set forth as follows:

**THEREFORE**, The Original Peoples hereby demand immediate recognition of such Creator-given Sovereignty and collectively and unanimously agree to take all steps deemed by all to be necessary and appropriate to obtain such recognition from all affected non-original Nations, including the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, China and any other Nation whose sovereignty currently infringes upon the Sovereignty of the Sovereign Original Nations of the world, said Sovereignty, Rights, Demand and Steps arising under the following **PRINCIPLES**, hereby deemed to be immutable as having derived directly from the Creator:

**FIRST**, each and every Original Person of The One Nation, regardless of which Original Nation that Original Person was born into, is born endowed with Sovereign status because such Sovereignty is Creator-given and may not be modified, amended, taken away or destroyed by any person or any institution created by any person or any combination of persons, whether by force or by Treaty;

**SECOND**, each and every Original Person of The One Nation, by and through their respective Nation, neither ceded, nor was ever able to cede, as set forth **FIRST** above, their Creator-given Sovereignty, either through Treaty or any other such document or device, whether Ordered by any Court of any Nation or otherwise;

**THIRD**, each and every Member of The One Nation, by and through their respective Nations, are entitled to all accouterments of Sovereignty, including the right to be recognized as nation-states by all other nation-states, whether existing or to be created, the right to enact laws for the benefit of their Peoples and to regulate commerce, including the determination of who shall

constitute the Peoples, and maintaining the status of the Peoples, from birth to passing; **that is**, The One Nation shall have all the rights and accouterments of any internationally recognized nation-state; and

**FOURTH**, each and every Original Person of The One Nation is an individually Sovereign Human Being, having arisen from and being part of Mother Earth, born with inherent Sovereignty that may co-exist in the same space and at the same time with the sovereignty of nation-states whose sovereignty currently infringes upon the Sovereignty of the Original Sovereign Nations of The One Nation, such that each and every Original Person has the inherent right to reside, be gainfully employed, travel, hunt, grow and gather, hold spiritual ceremonies on sacred sites, or engage in any other activity enjoyed by Human Beings as such, anywhere in the world, without any interference or impediments from the infringing nation-states.

**WHEREAS**, The One Nation convened its first Council of Elders for the purpose of determining its inherent rights and for the purpose of issuing this PROCLAMATION;

**WHEREAS**, each of the Indigenous Sovereign Nations of The One Nation has appointed certain Elders to act on behalf of their Nations to issue this PROCLAMATION in accordance with the traditional governing principles of each Nation;

**WHEREAS**, under international law, Canada (and, therefore, New Brunswick as its political subdivision) is without any jurisdiction on any unceded territory of any Indigenous Sovereign Nation; here, specifically, Canada (and, therefore, New Brunswick as its political subdivision) is without any jurisdiction on any unceded territory of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation, absent the specific consent of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation to waive its jurisdiction and to specifically consent to such foreign jurisdiction (of Canada);

**NOW THEREFORE,** The One Nation, by and through its duly appointed Elders, on behalf of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation, makes the following proclamations/determinations as an independent and equal sovereign Nation;

1. Canada, and therefore New Brunswick, as a political subdivision thereof, is without any jurisdiction on any unceded territory of The Wulustukyeg Nation, absent the specific consent of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation (see, the *Royal Proclamation of 1763*, clearly interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States in *Mitchel v. United States*, 9 Peter's 711, 745, 746, 749, 755 (1835) as follows: “the proclamation of 1763, which was the law of the provinces ceded by the treaty of 1763, was binding upon the king himself, and that a right once granted by a proclamation could not be annulled by a subsequent. . . . These [Native] lands were of two descriptions: such as had been ceded to the king by the Indians, in which he had full property and dominion, and passed in full property to the grantee; and those reserved and secured to the Indians, in which their right was perpetual possession, and his, the ultimate reversion in fee, which passed by the grant, subject to the possessory right.”;
2. The Wolastoqewiyik Nation did not consent, specifically or otherwise, to any assertion of jurisdiction by Canada (or New Brunswick as a political subdivision thereof) on any unceded territory of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation;
3. All territory of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation located within the boundaries of the political map of Canada's Province named New Brunswick is “unceded” in that no treaty, compact, or other agreement in any form was ever negotiated and concluded as between Canada, on the one part, and The Wolastoqewiyik Nation, on the other part, respecting or concerning the territory of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation located within the boundaries of the political map of Canada's Province named New Brunswick
4. Neither Canada nor New Brunswick (as a political subdivision of Canada) ever purchased any of the territory of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation located within the boundaries of the political map of Canada's Province named New Brunswick;

5. Finally, and as a matter of fairness, the governmental/police/military authorities of Canada and New Brunswick are hereby placed on Notice that The Wolastoqewiyik Nation of Tobique does not consent to any incursions by them onto the unceded territory of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation of Tobique for any purpose, without the express consent/request of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation in writing in advance, and that any such incursion shall constitute illegal trespass and illegal violation of The Wolastoqewiyik Nation's borders in violation of international law.

## CONCLUSION

We, the REPRESENTATIVES of the traditional governing body of the Wolastoqewiyik Nation of Tobique and of The One Nation, and the descendants of those Saugems who were party to and/or signed with an “X” those Covenant Chain of Treaties of Peace and Friendship, having re-asserted our Independence under the Declaration of Sovereignty, hereby proclaim that all sovereign power, authority and jurisdiction within the territories of the Wolastoqewiyik Nation of Tobique and of The One Nation resides entirely and exclusively in the traditional governing body of the Wolastoqewiyik Nation of Tobique and of The One Nation in their collective capacity, who also proclaim that they will not permit any legislative/judicial/executive authority separate from themselves in their collective capacity to exist, or any function of government to be exercised within the said territories, unless by persons appointed by them and acting under the authority of laws regularly enacted by them in their Council assembled.

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