

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OPEN TREATY HONORING GRANDMOTHER EARTH

WE, the undersigned Indigenous peoples and nations of Unci Maka, Grandmother Earth, gathered together this 31st day of August, 2024, with our non-Indigenous allies at the sacred He'Sapa of the Oceti Sakowin Oyate, home of the Seven Council Fires of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota peoples and known as Wahmunka Oganunka Inchante, the Heart of Everything That Is, under the sponsorship of the Sicangu Lakota Treaty Council and WILD12;

AS NATIONS AND PEOPLES who have retained our connection and spiritual relationship with Grandmother Earth and our current and ancestral territories and lands, we have been tasked by Wakan Tanka, the Great Spirit, with the sacred obligation to care for and protect these territories and lands, the natural relatives with whom we share them, and our Grandmother Earth Herself; and

AS NATIONS AND PEOPLES possessed with inherent sovereignty and intrinsic rights to maintain and protect the integrity of our spiritual and cultural lifeways, to express and exercise our identities and worldviews, and to assert our self-determination and nationality, including the ability to enter into treaties and other international agreements between nations, under international law;

WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND AFFIRM the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty, the Mataatua Declaration on Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Manaus Declaration on Human Rights in the Climate Emergency, the Kari-Oca Declaration and Indigenous' Earth Charter World Conference of Indigenous Peoples on Territory, Environment and Development, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Mother Earth, and other prior treaties and declarations that seek to protect Grandmother Earth and her Indigenous peoples and ways.

AT THIS TIME OF GREAT IMBALANCE AND GLOBAL CRISIS, for the health of Grandmother Earth and all those who reside upon Her lap and within her embrace, including our natural relatives and our future generations; and

IN THE LAKOTA SPIRIT OF WOLAKOTA;

WE SOLEMNLY DECLARE – as a natural extension of our familial relationship with Grandmother Earth, our natural relatives, and our future generations – our common and

sacred commitment to join in healing Her wounds according to our traditional ways and knowledge;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, WE INVITE our non-Indigenous allies to join and support us in this sacred responsibility.

THIS AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN OPEN indefinitely for adoption by other Indigenous nations, peoples, and allies.

THIS TREATY AMONG THE UNDERSIGNED INDIGENOUS NATIONS AND PEOPLES shall be presented to their communities by reading it in their respective languages and will be subject to the review, approval, and ratification of the undersigned Indigenous nations and peoples according to their customs and traditions.

Executed this 31st Day of August, 2024 at He'Sapa:

NATIVE REPRESENTATIVES:

Name
Date

Native Peoples / Nation

NON-NATIVE ALLIES:

Name

Allied Organization

Date

