

Endorsement of the Declaration

A Resolution Authorizing the Maamawiino Anishinaabeg Nation (aka Chippewa) to Encourage the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples participated in the drafting and negotiation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Declaration) to affirm their rights and responsibilities among the peoples of the world;

WHEREAS, the Declaration recognizes individual and collective rights of Indigenous Peoples in the realms of self-determination and Indigenous institutions; equality, life, integrity, and security; culture; education, language, and public media; participation in decision-making with free, prior, and informed consent; economic and social rights; rights to land, territories, and resources; rights embodied in treaties and agreements; among others;

WHEREAS, the Declaration recognizes the laws, customs, and traditions of Indigenous Peoples;

WHEREAS, the Declaration was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 2007, and 150 countries, including the United States, have endorsed it.

WHEREAS, Tribal Governments and Native Nations are already using the Declaration as a tool to protect their lands and resources, as it forms a framework for how federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and practices should recognize and respect the workings of Native governments.

WHEREAS, the Maamawiino Anishinaabeg Nation, among many other tribal governments and Native Nations, affirms and exercises the right of self-determination in day-to-day self-governance.

WHEREAS, the full recognition and effective implementation of the rights affirmed in the Declaration will enhance harmonious and cooperative relations between the Maamawiino Anishinaabeg Nation, local and state governments, the United States government, and the United Nations, and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples are entitled to a regular and permanent status in the United Nations that allows full and effective participation in all relevant U.N. activities;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAAMAWIINO ANISHINAABEG NATION that the Tribal Councils, Tradition and Custom Dispute Resolution and the Judiciary hereby recognize and affirm the Declaration as a minimum expression of the Indigenous rights of the Maamawiino Anishinaabeg Nation and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Maamawiino Anishinaabeg Nation encourages the United Nations, the United States government, and state and local governments to implement the Declaration's preamble, articles, and principles.