



40TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL

Commemorating 40 years Defending the Rights and Recognition of Indigenous Peoples

SEPTEMBER 10TH–12TH, 2014

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United Nations in Geneva in 1977



The International Indian Treaty Council
Working for the Rights and Recognition of Indigenous Peoples
El Consejo Internacional de Tratados Indios
Trabajando por el reconocimiento y los derechos de los Pueblos Indígenas

Mission

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Misión

El Consejo Internacional de Tratados Indios (CITI) es una organización de Pueblos Indígenas del Sur, Centro y Norteamérica, el Caribe y el Pacífico, que trabaja por la soberanía y la libre determinación de los Pueblos Indígenas, así como el reconocimiento y protección de los derechos indígenas, tratados, culturas tradicionales y tierras sagradas.

IITC was founded in June 1974 at a gathering on the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota attended by more than 5000 representatives of 98 Indigenous Nations. The symbol of the sacred pipe uniting the hemisphere was chosen by the elders to represent the common bonds of spirituality, relationship to the land and traditional culture shared by all Indigenous Peoples.

IITC supports Indigenous Peoples' struggles for human rights, self-determination and environmental justice through information dissemination, coalition building, advocacy, training and technical assistance. IITC builds and facilitates the direct, effective participation of Indigenous Peoples in local, regional, national and international events and gatherings addressing their rights, ways of life and survival.

In 1977, IITC became the first Indigenous Peoples' organization to be recognized as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council. In 2011, IITC was the first to be upgraded to General Consultation Status in recognition of its active participation in a wide range of international bodies and processes in order to advance, defend and recognize the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

*“The IITC believes that Indigenous Peoples should speak for and represent themselves before the world community”
--- IITC Guiding Principles.*



International Indian Treaty Council
Consejo Internacional de Tratados Indios
Office of the President/Oficina del Presidente



Esteemed Conference Participants,

As the President of the Board of Directors, I want to extend a warm welcome on behalf of the International Indian Treaty Council to everyone attending our 40th Anniversary Conference in Okemah Oklahoma.

It is very significant for us that IITC is returning to the family land of one of our esteemed co-founders, Philipp Deere of the Muscogee Creek Nation to commemorate our 40th Anniversary. Phillip Deere participated in our first delegation to Geneva in 1977. We will be reflecting on the many historic achievements that have come about as a result of the vision of these leaders, which opened the door for us to advance the rights and recognition of Indigenous Peoples at the United Nations.

I am also looking forward to sharing the part that the Mayan Peoples of Guatemala have played in IITC's history, and to hearing from Indigenous Peoples from many Nations, communities and organizations about their work to defend and protect their human rights, Treaties, lands and territories, cultures, environments and ways of life.

IITC expresses our heartfelt thanks to the host Muscogee Creek Nation for welcoming us to their territory, and for the support that they, along with many other Indigenous Nations, organizations, family members, supporters and volunteers have provided to help us make this Conference a success. I look forward to learning from each of you about how we can strengthen the work for our Peoples, our future generations and our Mother Earth. I firmly believe that if we come together in a good way and support one another, we will stand strong and nothing can defeat us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and Affiliates of the IITC, we welcome you all to this Conference.

Nink'awomaj chire ri Ruk'u'x Kaj, Ruk'u' Ulew, yitikir ninya' rutzil iwäch iwonojel. K'amol taq b'ey richin ri ru tinamit ri tata Philipp Deere chi re ri Muscogee Creek Nim Tinamital, chuqa' konojel ri kitaqoxel ri Tinamit chupan re Wakxakib Q'anil. Nrayb'ej chi xtisaqir ta ri qab'ey xtinuk'utäj ta ri qalewal qonojel ri achamaq'

Francisco Cali Tzay,
Mayan Kaqchikel
President of the Board of Directors,
International Indian Treaty Council

Welcome Message From the Family of Phillip Deere:

We, the family of Phillip Deere, wish to send each of you a warm welcome to our Nation, to our land and to the Round House built in honor of our father. He was a great man, that loved his land, his family and above all else, his culture and traditions. Our father taught the importance of who we are as Native people, of never letting go of that knowledge and identity.

It is our hope, as his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, that each of you will be able to feel the spirit of this land, of the strong culture and traditions and medicine that exists here because of men like our father who kept those traditions alive in each of us.

The purpose of this roundhouse is so that we can continue teaching this culture for generations to come so that our language can remain strong, and our dances alive and our traditional chiefs can meet in the old way. So that all Native peoples from all over the world, will have a place to call "home" when they come to this round house, to learn of Native traditions and grow as a community.

Our father once said "If there is but one, anyone of my Indian children who wants to go back home, back to our tradition. I will take that hand. I will guide that hand home with me".

Mvto for coming and honoring his name and his memory and his teachings.



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20 August 2014

Dear Board of Directors,
Staff and
Affiliates of the International Indian Treaty Council,

We would like to congratulate the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) on its 40th anniversary and to highlight the importance of your work for the advancement of the rights of Indigenous Peoples within the United Nations and beyond.

As an organization of Indigenous Peoples from North, Central and South America, the Caribbean and the Pacific, IITC has played a key role in making sure that Indigenous Peoples' concerns are adequately addressed in the United Nations and that the participation of Indigenous Peoples is advanced in line with the standards of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In the human rights arena, your constructive and principled contributions have been highly appreciated in a range of contexts, from Human Rights Council sessions to the work of CERD and other human rights treaty bodies. Your side events and other interventions at the sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other events have helped to pursue our common goal of ensuring that the standards of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples are implemented and shortcomings identified in important areas such as treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements, access to justice and rights of indigenous women.

We look forward to continuing our fruitful cooperation with IITC and wish you an excellent, productive birthday event on the eve of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Yours sincerely,

Antti Korkeakivi
Chief,
Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section

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Dear Board of Directors,
Staff, and
Affiliates of the International Indian Treaty Council,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, I would like to join in commemorating the 40th anniversary of the International Indian Treaty Council.

During its four decades of work, the International Indian Treaty Council has tirelessly supported the promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples at the international level in various processes. Your organization has no doubt contributed in important ways the major developments at the United Nations affecting indigenous peoples, including the adoption of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007. The Treaty Council has also been instrumental in providing assistance to indigenous peoples in North America and beyond in their struggles to promote their human rights in specific cases, especially before the United Nations treaty bodies, and in supporting the developing of the jurisprudence related to indigenous peoples of these bodies.

I wish you a very special celebration of your work and we look forward to continuing to cooperate with the International Indian Treaty Council towards our shared goal of the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Yours sincerely,

Chandra Roy-Henriksen
Chief
Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on
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Muscogee (Creek) Nation

George P. Tiger
Principal Chief

Executive Office

Roger Barnett
Second Chief

September 8, 2014

Hers'ce! Hello!

Likepvs cē! Welcome!

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is pleased to serve as host for this week of momentous activities and meetings and thank the International Indian Treaty Council for this opportunity to showcase our great lands and our great people.

Corn holds a deep traditional and historical significance to our Mvskoke people, which is why we support the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative and the 2nd International Indigenous People's Corn Conference, "*Vce Ohfvnkv en Heromkv* - Corn is a Gift from the Creator." The Muscogee Nation operates as a self-determined visionary government, designing, developing, and managing an advanced service system for its Citizens and Communities, while maintaining the traditions, culture, and respect of the Muscogee people. For that reason through the Tribal Council we, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, by Tribal Resolution support for The Declaration of Santo Domingo Tomaltepec – "The Struggle Continues, The Corn Lives".

We are happy and excited to host the 40th Anniversary International Indian Treaty Conference - "Commemorating 40 Years Defending the Rights and Recognition of Indigenous Peoples." Our Mvskoke people are giving people. Our Mvskoke people are traditional people. Our Mvskoke people are spiritual people. Our Mvskoke leader, Phillip Deere, symbolized all of those and more to thousands of people around the world. He always told everyone he met that if they were ever in Oklahoma to come visit him on his land outside of Okemah. So now you are here, fulfilling his wishes.

Welcome to the International Indian Treaty Council, which Phillip Deere helped found 40 years ago, members, supporters and attendees. We are honored to have such distinguished guests in the Muscogee Creek Nation. Again welcome to each and every one of you to our territory and lands.

Mvto! Thank you!

George P. Tiger
Principal Chief of Muscogee (Creek) Nation

40th Anniversary International Indian Treaty Conference Agenda

Day 1: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 MORNING PROGRAM		
Lighting the Sacred Fire (The Sacred Fire will remain lit for all 3 days of the Conference)	6:00 am	Spiritual Leaders
Breakfast	7:00 - 8:00 am	
Welcome: Inaugural Words, General Vision and Logistics for the Conference	8:30 - 9:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Deere Family • Chief George Tiger, Muscogee Creek Nation • Hinewirangi Kohu, Maori, IITC Board Vice President • Rodney Factor, Seminole Nation, IITC Board Member • Jackie Warledo, Seminole Nation, IITC Conference Coordinator
40 years of struggle for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the International Arena: Advances, Achievements and Next Steps	9:30 - 10:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Means, Oglala Lakota, IITC Board member and Co-founder • Chief Wilton Littlechild, Ermineskin Cree Nation, Member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples • Francisco Cali Tzay, Mayan Kaqchikel, IITC Board President • Andrea Carmen, Yaqui, IITC Executive Director • Ghazali Ohorella, Global Coordinating Group for the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, Pacific Region <p><i>Moderator: Ron Lameman, Beaver Lake Cree Nation, IITC Board Member</i></p>
Comments, discussion and questions	10:30 - 11:00 am	Participants

“Indigenous peoples have the right to the recognition, observance and enforcement of Treaties, Agreements and Other Constructive Arrangements concluded with States or their successors and to have States honour and respect such Treaties, Agreements and other Constructive Arrangements”
 -- Article 37, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

<p>Roundtable 1: Struggles of Indigenous Nations and Peoples in Oklahoma, past, present, and looking ahead: Focus on Racial Discrimination, Criminal Justice, Treaty Rights, Protection of Sacred Places and Cultural Rights, Environmental Justice and Food Sovereignty</p>	<p>11:00 am - 12:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodney Factor, Assistant Band Chief, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, Seminole Sovereignty Protection Initiative • Casey Camp-Horinek, Ponca Nation, Drum Keeper, Women’s Scalp Dance Society, Coyote Creek Center for Environment • Mekko George Thompson and Owen Sapulpa, Muscogee Creek Nation, Hickory Grounds Tribal Town • Chester Whiteman, Cheyenne-Arapaho Nation, Director of InterTribal Buffalo Council Region 2 • David Hill, Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, Director of the International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee • Ben Carnes, Choctaw Nation, Representative, League of Indigenous Sovereign Nations <p><i>Moderator: JoKay Dowell, Quapaw Nation, Eagle - Condor Alliance</i></p>
<p>Comments, discussion and questions</p>	<p>12:30 - 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Participants</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>1:00 - 2:00 pm</p>	<p>IITC/ Local Hosts</p>
<p>AFTERNOON PROGRAM</p>		
<p>Roundtable 2: Human Rights: Protection of sacred areas, cultural and spiritual rights; rights of Indigenous women, children and youth</p>	<p>2:00 - 3:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamilka Hernandez, Kuna, Kuna Youth Movement, Panama • Lenny Foster, Diné Nation, National Native American Prisoners Rights Coalition • Jerilyn DeCoteau, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, National Native American Boarding Schools Healing Coalition • Radley Davis, Pit River Nation, California • Pam Kingfisher, Cherokee Nation, Native American Community Board • Hinewirangi Kohu, Maori, founding Director, Maori Women's Centre <p><i>Moderator: Danika Littlechild, Ermineskin Cree Nation, IITC Legal Counsel</i></p>
<p>Comments, discussion, and questions</p>	<p>3:30 - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Participants</p>
<p>Roundtable 3: Food Sovereignty and the Right to Food for Indigenous Peoples: Genetically Modified Seeds, Indigenous Peoples Food Sovereignty Zones, Treaty Right to Food, Culture, Language and Food Sovereignty restoration</p>	<p>4:00 - 5:30 pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Yahola, Muscogee Creek Nation, Indigenous Representative, US Food Sovereignty Network • Berenice Sanchez, Nahuat-Otomí, Di Sugave a Nana Shimjaí, RISA-México • Robert Shimek, Anishinabe, Endazhi Aanji Anishinaabewiiyang

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monique Sonoquie, Chumash/Apache, Indigenous Youth Foundations • Dianne Amiotte-Seidel, Oglala Lakota, InterTribal Buffalo Council • Renee Grounds, Project Administrator, Yuchi Language Project <p><i>Moderator: Richard Belcher, Executive Director, MFSI Presentation on results from 2nd Corn Conference</i></p>
Comments, discussion and questions	5:30 - 6:00 pm	Participants
Dinner	6:00 - 7:30 pm	IITC/ Local Hosts
EVENING PROGRAM OKLAHOMA CULTURAL PRESENTATION 7:30-9:30 PM		
Day 2: Thursday, September 11, 2014 MORNING PROGRAM		
Breakfast	7:00 - 8:00 am	IITC/Local Hosts
Roundtable 4: Environmental Health: Climate Change, Extractive Industries, Toxic Contaminants and Impacts on Community and Reproductive Health	8:15 - 10:00 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochelle Diver, (Fond du Lac Band), Anishinaabe IITC Environmental Health Coordinator, <i>presenter/moderator</i> • Aurelia Espinoza, Yaqui, Jittoa Bat Natika Weria, Traditional Midwife/Healer, Mexico • Faith Gemmill, Gwich'in, Alaska, Executive Director, Resisting Environmental Destruction of Indigenous Lands (REDOIL) • Saul Vicente Vasquez, Zapoteca, Unidad de La Fuerza Indígena y Campesina, Former Member, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues • Manny Pino, Acoma Pueblo, Co-founder, Laguna-Acoma Coalition for a Safe Environment; Board Member, Indigenous Environmental Network • Clayton Thomas-Muller, Mathais Colomb Cree Nation, Co-Director, Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign of the Polaris Institute
Comments, discussion and questions	10:00 - 10:30 am	Participants
Roundtable 5: Emerging and urgent issues: Decolonization, Restoration, Updates on the UN High-Level Plenary Meeting to be known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the UN Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)	10:30 - 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pu'uhonua "Bumpy" Kanahele, Head of State, Nation of Hawai'i • Roberto Borrero, United Confederation of Taino People, IITC point person, Indigenous Peoples Major Group for the Post 2015 SDG's • Chief Gary Harrison, Chickaloon Village

		<p>Traditional Council, Alaska</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians, League of United Indian Nations <p><i>Moderator: Tai Pelli, United Confederation of Taino People, Caribbean Region</i></p>
Comments, discussion and questions	11:30 - 12:00 pm	Participants
Explanation of Commission themes, Co-facilitators and work areas	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Andrea Carmen, IITC Executive Director
Lunch	12:30 - 1:30 pm	IITC/Local Hosts
AFTERNOON PROGRAM		
Commissions (Working Groups)	1:30 - 5:30 pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Treaty Rights, Implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other International Norms Rights of Indigenous Women and Children Criminal Justice, Prisoners' Rights and Leonard Peltier Environmental Health and Impacts of Environmental Violence Protection of Sacred Areas, Cultural and Spiritual Rights Decolonization and Restoration of Traditional Governments Food Sovereignty and Rights to Food Youth Circle/Youth Organizing
Free time	5:30 - 6:00 pm	
Dinner	6:00 - 7:30 pm	IITC/ Local Hosts
EVENING PROGRAM, 7:30 - 9:30 PM		
INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS		
Day 3: Friday, September 12, 2014		
MORNING PROGRAM		
Breakfast	7:00 - 8:00 am	IITC/ Local Hosts
Finalize Resolutions	8:30 - 10:00 am	Commissions
IITC General Assembly, IITC Affiliates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation and approval of Commission resolutions Approval of new IITC affiliates Location of next Treaty Conference 	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Facilitators: Andrea Carmen and Ron Lameman
Closing Ceremony, Acknowledgements	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Spiritual Leaders, Muscogee Creek Nation, Deere Family, IITC
Lunch	12:30 - 2:00 pm	IITC/ Local Hosts
Departures		

**DECLARATION OF CONTINUING INDEPENDENCE
BY THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL
AT STANDING ROCK INDIAN COUNTRY
JUNE 8 – 16, 1974**

A long time ago my father told me what his father told him. There was once a Lakota Holy man called Drinks Water, who visioned what was to be; and this was long before the coming of the Wasicus. He visioned that the four-legged were going back into the earth and that a strange race had woven a spider's web all around the Lakotas. And he said, "When this happens, you shall live in barren lands, and there beside those gray houses you shall starve." They say he went back to Mother Earth soon after he saw this vision and it was sorrow that killed him.

Black Elk, Oglala Sioux Holy Man

PREAMBLE

The United States of America has continually violated the independent Native Peoples of this continent by Executive action, Legislative fiat and Judicial decision. By its actions, the U.S. has denied all Native people their International Treaty rights, Treaty lands and basic human rights of freedom and sovereignty. This same U.S. Government, which fought to throw off the yoke of oppression and gain its own independence, has now reversed its role and become the oppressor of sovereign Native people.

Might does not make right. Sovereign people of varying cultures have the absolute right to live in harmony with Mother Earth so long as they do not infringe upon this same right of other peoples. The denial of this right to any sovereign people, such as the Native American Indian Nations, must be challenged by truth and action. World concern must focus on all colonial governments to the end that sovereign people everywhere shall live as they choose; in peace with dignity and freedom.

The International Indian Treaty Conference hereby adopts this Declaration of Continuing Independence of the Sovereign Native American Indian Nations. In the course of these human events, we call upon the people of the world to support this struggle for our sovereign rights and our treaty rights. We pledge our assistance to all other sovereign people who seek their own independence.

DECLARATION

The First International Treaty Council of the Western Hemisphere was formed on the land of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe on June 8-16, 1974. The delegates, meeting under the guidance of the Great Spirit, represented 97 Indian tribes and Nations from across North and South America.

We, the sovereign Native Peoples recognize that all lands belonging to the various Native Nations now situated within the boundaries of the U.S. are clearly defined by the sacred treaties solemnly entered into between the Native Nations and the government of the United States of America.

We, the sovereign Native Peoples, charge the United States of gross violations of our International Treaties. Two of the thousands of violations that can be cited are the "wrongfully taking" of the Black Hills from the Great Sioux Nation in 1877, this sacred land belonging to the Great Sioux Nation under the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868. The second violation was the forced march of the Cherokee people from their ancestral lands in the state of Georgia to the then "Indian Territory" of Oklahoma after the Supreme Court of the United States ruled the Cherokee treaty rights inviolate. The treaty violation, know as the "Trail of Tears," brought death to two-thirds of the Cherokee Nation during the forced march.

The Council further realizes that securing United States recognition of treaties signed with Native Nations requires a committed and unified struggle, using every available legal and political resource. Treaties between sovereign nations explicitly entail agreements with represent "the supreme law of the land" binding each party to an inviolate international relationship.

We acknowledge the historical fact that the struggle for Independence of the Peoples of our sacred Mother Earth have always been over sovereignty of land. These historical freedom efforts have always involved the highest human sacrifice.

We recognize that all Native Nations wish to avoid violence, but we also recognize that the United States government has always used force and violence to deny Native Nations basic human and treaty rights.

We adopt this Declaration of Continuing Independence, recognizing that struggle lies ahead – a struggle certain to be won – and that the human and treaty rights of all Native Nations will be honored. In this understanding the International Indian Treaty Council declares:

The United State Government in its Constitution, Article VI, recognizes treaties as part of the Supreme Law of the United States. We will peacefully pursue all legal and political avenues to demand United States recognition of its own Constitution in this regard, and thus to honor its own treaties with Native Nations.

We will seek the support of all world communities in the struggle for the continuing independence of Native Nations.

We the representatives of sovereign Native Nations united in forming a council to be known at the International Indian Treaty Council to implement these declarations.

The International Indian Treaty Council will establish offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City to approach the international forces necessary to obtain the recognition of our treaties. These offices will establish an initial system of communications among Native nations to disseminate information, getting a general consensus of concerning issues, developments and any legislative attempt affecting Native Nations by the United States of America.

The International Indian Treaty Council recognizes the sovereignty of all Native Nations and will stand in unity to support our Native and international brothers and sisters in their respective and collective struggles concerning international treaties and agreements violated by the United States and other governments.

All treaties between the Sovereign Native Nations and the United States Government must be interpreted according to the traditional and spiritual ways of the signatory Native Nations.

We declare our recognition of the Provisional Government of the Independent Oglala Nation, established by the Traditional Chiefs and Headmen under the provisions of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty with the Great Sioux Nation at Wounded Knee, March 11, 1973.

We condemn the United States of America for its gross violation of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty in militarily surrounding, killing and starving the citizens of the Independent Oglala Nation into exile.

We demand the United States of America recognize the sovereignty of the Independent Oglala Nation and immediately stop all present and future criminal prosecutions of sovereign Native Peoples. We call upon the conscionable nations of the world to join us in charging and prosecuting the United States of America for its genocidal practices against the sovereign Native Nations; most recently illustrated by Wounded Knee 1973 and the continued refusal to sign the United Nations 1948 Treaty on Genocide.

We reject all executive orders, legislative acts and judicial decisions of the United States related to Native Nations since 1871, when the United States unilaterally suspended treaty- making relations with the Native Nations. This includes, but is not limited to, the Major Crimes Act, the General Allotment Act, the Citizenship Act of 1924, the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, the Indian Claims Commission Act, Public Law 280 and the Termination Act. All treaties made between Native Nations and the United States made prior to 1871 shall be recognized without further need of interpretation.

We hereby ally ourselves with the colonized Puerto Rican People in their struggle for Independence from the same United States of America.

We recognize that there is only one color of Mankind in the world who are not represented in the United Nations; that is the indigenous Redman of the Western Hemisphere. We recognize this lack of representation in the United Nations comes from the genocidal policies of the colonial power of the United States.

The International Indian Treaty Council established by this conference is directed to make the application to the United Nations for recognition and membership of the sovereign Native Nations. We pledge our support to any similar application by an aboriginal people.

This conference directs the Treaty Council to open negotiations with the government of the United States through its Department of State. We seek these negotiations in order to establish diplomatic relations with the United States. When these diplomatic relations have been established, the first order of business shall be to deal with U.S. violations of treaties with Native Indian Nations, and violations of the rights of those Native Indian Nations who have refused to sign treaties with the United States.

We, the People of the International Indian Treaty Council, following the guidance of our elders through instructions from the Great Spirit, and out of respect for our sacred Mother Earth, all her children, and those yet unborn, offer our lives for our International Treaty Rights.

IN MEMORY

On the occasion of our 40th Anniversary Conference, IITC recognizes all those whose strength of spirit and hard work built this organization and advanced the cause we all believe in. We want to especially honor the IITC founders, Board members, staff and representatives who have left this world. Their words and their examples of struggle, achievement and love for the Peoples will continue to guide and inspire us.



*Bill Wahpepah,
Sac and Fox/Kickapoo Nations*



*Phillip Deere
Muskogee Creek Nation*



*Frank Fools Crow
Oglala Lakota Nation*



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We thank them and many more.....



The Assembly of First Nations

Welcomes all participants to the 40th Annual International Indian Treaty Council Conference, "Commemorating 40 Years Defending the Rights and Recognition of Indigenous Peoples", September 10-12, 2014.

The Assembly of First Nations stands in unity and solidarity with all Treaty People and Nations!

Best wishes for a successful gathering at Phillip Deere Round House in Okemah, Oklahoma from the Assembly of First Nations, the national organization representing First Nations in Canada.

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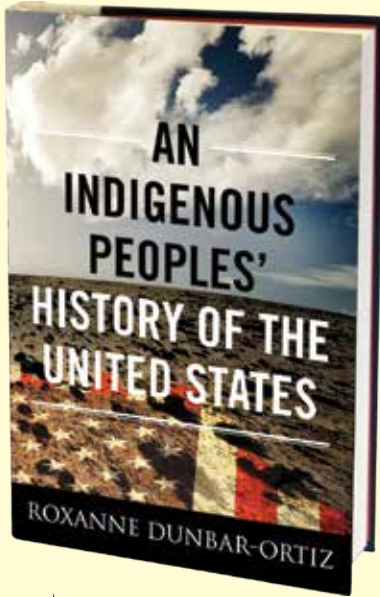


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“A must-read for anyone interested in the truth behind this nation’s founding.”

—**VERONICA E. VELARDE TILLER, PhD**, Jicarilla Apache author, historian,
and publisher of *Tiller’s Guide to Indian Country*



“Dunbar Ortiz’s . . . assessment and conclusions are necessary tools for all Indigenous peoples seeking to address and remedy the legacy of US colonial domination that continues to subvert Indigenous human rights in today’s globalized world.”

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