



**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL
40th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PHILLIP DEERE FAMILY ROUNDHOUSE
OKEMAH OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 10TH – 12TH, 2014**

***RESOLUTION ON INDIGENOUS YOUTH AS PRESENTED FOR
ADOPTION BY THE INDIGENOUS YOUTH COMMISSION***

1. We affirm that our identity is not defined by our blood quantum but by our Indigenous Consciousness and our contributions and commitment to our communities and cultures;
2. We affirm the continuation of our rights to gather, harvest, eat, use, protect and grow traditional foods and medicinal plants are Inherent Rights that cannot be taken from us; this includes the right to cross ALL borders freely to gather, harvest, use trade and share these sacred things;
3. We affirm the right to shine true light, strengthen, share and revitalize our Indigenous communities' histories, cultures, identities, languages and Inherent Sovereign Rights from the perspective of our own Peoples, using elders' traditional knowledge, academic and electronic resources and all other valid sources of information available. We also affirm the right to protect this knowledge from cooptation for capitalist and consumer gain;
4. We commit to develop an IITC youth network via technology resources and other means to have a better connection with each other

and to continue the work done today and in the future, thus building resources that we can all access and contribute to;

5. We affirm the right to address historical and intergenerational trauma, shaming and the effects of generational culture loss in order to begin healing, regrowth and restrengthening of our communities, as well as to implement ways to restore respectful and productive tribal governments;

6. We understand that our generation and those to come will directly live the effects and consequences of any decisions, laws, and policies made today. We endorse a youth representative to participate in each Commission in their area of interest at future IITC Conferences to present the youth point of view with the freedom to express and be heard as contributing voices to these vital issues;

7. We also affirm that in future conferences that Youth have a role in the cultural presentations in order to ensure their participation and include their energy as well as all generations;

8. We support Youth organizing as a formal Commission and generation within IITC;

9. We affirm that the youth stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, with IITC, its affiliates and all generations.

*Adopted by Consensus September 12th 2014,
Okemah Oklahoma*