



**44th Anniversary International Treaty Conference
Mato Paha (Bear Butte), South Dakota
Oceti Sakowin Treaty Territory
JUNE 21st – 24th, 2018**

**Resolution Affirming Elders' Voices in the Guidance of IITC's Work to Defend
Indigenous Rights**

The participants at this conference representing Indigenous Peoples from the Americas, Arctic, Caribbean and Pacific adopt the following resolution to defend the Rights of Indigenous Peoples:

1. IITC reaffirms its Guiding Principles, one of which states *"The IITC will continue to seek the advice of our traditional elders and spiritual leaders, and will make efforts to increase the participation and develop the leadership of Indigenous youth."*
2. IITC affirms that Indigenous elders are knowledge and wisdom keepers for our languages and ways of life.
3. IITC recognizes that our elders carry knowledge about traditional medicines and ways of healing from historical and intergenerational trauma.
4. IITC affirms the need to ensure continuing formal processes for guidance by elders in the International Indian Treaty Council's work to advance human rights, environmental health, Treaties, and food sovereignty.

Adopted by consensus on June 24th, 2018