



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

**Conference Resolution**

***“Our Treaties Are Sacred; Defending Treaty Rights to the Land, Water,  
Food, Health, Consent, and Self-Determination”***

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

The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) affirms that Treaties are the law of the land. IITC recognizes Oceti Sakowin and other Indigenous Treaty Nations as traditional governments with their own laws. All Indigenous Sovereign Nations will write their own laws. Treaty Law, Oceti Sakowin law and the laws of other Treaty Nations are subject fully to the interpretation of those Indigenous Treaty Nations.

We recognize that the US government laws, Canadian Government Laws, New Zealand government laws and the laws of other settler governments do not work for us.

IITC endorses the intention of the Oceti Sakowin to form a Treaty Commission that includes all the Nations under the 1851 and 1868 Treaties, including the formation of a sub-committee to analyze and research Article 11 of the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty. This will include the impacts of development on Treaty Land since the time the Treaty was written and the dollar value of the developments and technologies that have been imposed on Treaty lands. This provision extends to all Treaty Nations in accordance with their unique traditional laws.

IITC welcomes and expresses its support for the establishment of Treaty offices on each Treaty Nations so that the traditional governments can work together from their homelands and provide Nation to Nation support regarding traditional laws. This includes establishing an Oceti Sakowin Treaty Headquarter office in the Black Hills that will compile information from the remote Treaty office sites and work towards solutions that benefit the Oceti Sakowin Oyate. This also encompasses the administration of Treaty Law, including regulations to ensure Consent and other rights implemented by the Oceti Sakowin for all corporations (i.e., oil, gold and uranium mining) intending to carry out activities in Oceti Sakowin Treaty Territory.

IITC supports the intention by Treaty Nations to create Traditional government maps depicting original territorial land prior to Treaties, including burial places, Star Knowledge, traditional



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cosmologies, and the sacred site locations that will only be for the exclusive use of the traditional governments of the Oceti Sakowin Oyate, published only in their own language.

IITC affirms that Indigenous Traditional laws will offer sustainable land and natural resource solutions to the US, Canada, New Zealand and other settler governments (i.e. clean energy vs fossil fuels), and that inherent sovereignty before Treaties will be identified and defined through the original and Natural Laws of each Treaty Nation.

IITC affirms the importance of carrying out studies of the non-native Treaty partners, their true intentions and actions to help each Nation to interpret their Treaty rights and obligations and how they have been violated. Each Oyate within the Oceti Sakowin and other Indigenous Treaty Nations will write their own history, as it is spoken through their own experiences and languages to assert their full sovereign status.

The Treaty Nations and other affiliates of IITC agree with the importance of an improved system of communication within and among Treaty Nations to allow for a continuous flow of information to share time-sensitive strategic thinking/planning in a timely manner. This will include emerging violations of Treaty/Indigenous government laws that represent a potential source of harm to the Oceti Sakowin Oyate or their territories, or to other Treaty Nations and territories.

Finally, the International Indian Treaty Council agrees to advise and consult with the Oceti Sakowin as requested in their intention to achieve "Permanent Observer Status" within the United Nations General Assembly for the advancement of Oceti Sakowin Self-Determination.

***Adopted by consensus on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018***