



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

Resolution of Support for the Guna Yala People

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:

Whereas a part of the ancestral lands of Guna Yala known in their language as Nudargana was not incorporated as part of the Guna territory at the time that the State of Panama approved the law which created the Guna territory.

Whereas the Gunas have demanded of the State of Panama the incorporation of the place called Nudargana into their territory, both at the national and international levels.

Whereas Nudargana is land that the Guna ancestors utilized for their traditional ceremonies, their agriculture, their sacred places, their traditional medicines and that currently they continue to use.

Whereas the State of Panama has granted in Nudargana title deeds of individual lands to private businesses and to non-indigenous people for tourism activities which go against the Guna People.

Whereas the Guna Yala People have presented claims in the internal jurisdiction to recover said lands, and that up to now they have ruled against the demands of the Guna Peoples, reason for which they have appealed to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to continue with their claims to recover the ancestral lands of Nudargana.

For all the aforementioned, the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) affirms:

Our support to the Guna Yala People in their struggle both at the national and international levels for the recovery of their ancestral lands of Nudargana, which should be part of the Guna Peoples territory for its production, spirituality, traditional medicine, cemetery and sacred place, just like their ancestors developed it.

Adopted by consensus on June 24th, 2018