



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

**Resolution on Healing from Historical and Intergenerational Trauma Across
Indigenous Tribes, Nations and Communities**

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 recognizes that Intergenerational trauma is a result of forced assimilation and attempts at genocide on Indigenous Peoples and significantly impacts Indigenous Peoples around the world.
2. IITC recognizes that Intergenerational trauma is linked to many illnesses and conditions such as diabetes, cancer, and suicide, as well as spiritual illness and imbalance.
3. IITC recognizes that Intergenerational trauma also creates confusion and divisions within many Indigenous communities, presenting obstacles to building unity and collective action for the rights of Indigenous Peoples.
4. IITC affirms the voices of Indigenous Peoples calling for healing from historical and intergenerational trauma including unlearning western ways of learning and thinking, and relearning traditional Indigenous approaches such as coming of age ceremonies and teaching healthy traditional parenting.
5. IITC will continue to address the impacts of historical and intergenerational trauma for the survival of Indigenous Peoples in its ongoing program work.

Adopted by consensus on June 24th, 2018