

# Qashqai Ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS, the Qashqai tribal leadership declares:

- A. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations affirms the status of Qashqai as sovereign tribes with rights as indigenous people to administer their own lands, resources and autonomous tribal government.
- B. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations affirms that any general welfare benefits that Qashqai governments provide to their members are included within autonomous government.
- C. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations affirms the rights of indigenous people to protect their lands, culture and language.
- D. Civic participation by the citizens of Qashqai is essential for autonomous governmental bodies to operate and exercise Qashqai legal rights.
- E. Governments customarily provide honoraria to citizens who engage in civic participation related to general welfare operations that are essential for ensuring the transmission and protection of a community's culture, history and the long-term viability and health of its citizens.
- F. Qashqai tribes have their own unique histories, customs, traditions, and relationships with the lands with their own customary laws, governmental institutions and leadership.
- G. The Qashqai Tribe has long depended on its lands and land-based resources to support its way of life and has made great sacrifices to repossess and maintain its homeland in Ahwaz.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT:

- 1. The Qashqai tribes and people hereby ratify and endorse the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
- 2. In accordance with the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations principles, the Qashqai shall defer to its principles when defining Qashqai customs, traditions, and ceremonial practices.
- 3. Under the terms of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, the Qashqai shall preserve and protect the rights of nomadic migration in Ahwaz.
- 4. Under the terms of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, the Qashqai shall preserve and protect the environmental and cultural resources of the tribes and their ability to provide a safe, livable homeland for the Qashqai people.
- 5. The Qashqai tribes remain unconditionally opposed to any desecration or dispossession, and to any adverse impact, damage, endangerment, injury or threat to Qashqai sacred places, sacred objects and ancestral remains, wherever they are located or held, within or outside Ahwaz and Iran, by whatever persons or entities.

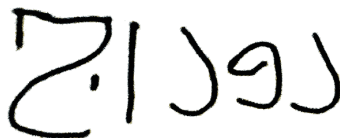
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Qashqai until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

## CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Qashqai tribal leadership on November 17th 2020 of the Common Era.



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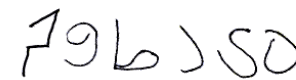
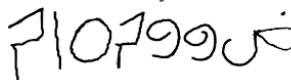


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