

Amazigh of Niger ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, representatives of the Amagazh People of Niger, have convened to discuss ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and to reach a universally binding agreement to address our autonomy, we hereby declare:

- A. The goal of ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations is “to strengthen the autonomous rights of Amazigh people in Niger as a response to the threat to human right abuse by states including loss of homes and relocation.
- B. By ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, we affirm our sacred responsibility to protect our homeland, its natural resources and our way of life for generations to come as well as our right to protect such ecosystems as we have since time immemorial.
- C. Amazigh communities depend on the health of their ecosystems and natural resources for social, economic and cultural vitality.
- D. Climate change threatens to destroy the ecosystems that indigenous ways of life depend on, like hunting and fishing.
- E. Changes in weather patterns are adversely affecting the harvesting of plant-based foods and medicines.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amagazi Niger government does hereby declare its continued support of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations in furtherance of the sacred responsibility of Amazigh government to protect our resources and ways of life for generations to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amagazi of Niger hereby pledge to implement and abide by the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations by taking such steps as to:

- Establish government, courts, promote economic development, clean power generation and new workforce opportunities;
- Implement and improve the processes and planning associated with preparing for and mitigating impacts of climate change including the increased incidence and magnitude of natural events that require emergency management and disaster response; and
- Enhance the inherent sovereignty of tribal nations and our national resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amagazi of Niger call on all tribal nations, states and local governments to commit to working to uphold the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the policy of Amagazi of Niger until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Amazigh Niger autonomy government on July 27th 2021 of the Common Era.

[signed by] Prisident of the Amazigh government of Niger
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