

Kam people ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS, we, the Kam assembly do declare:

- A. We, the Kam Assembly, in partnership with Kyrgyz, Shors and Salah Al-Muktho were active partners in the drafting of this instrument ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
- B. Ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations is an historic statement of rights intended to guard against genocide, theft of lands and resources, discrimination and political exclusion by the state and foreign affairs that Kam people suffered – and too often continue to suffer today.
- C. The adoption of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations is essential to safeguarding our rights as a nation and to establishing governmental bodies including tribal courts, tribunals and other legal mechanisms with legal jurisdiction over land and resources including, but are not limited to, the right to establish our own courts and tribunals, protection of longstanding treaty rights, protection of our cultural property and traditional knowledge.
- D. These government's bodies are critical for protecting and furthering the rights of Kam both domestically and internationally and protecting the Kam from atrocities that violate their individual and collective rights.
- E. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations contains the “minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Kam People.
- F. The Kam consider it critical to make every effort to preserve their sacred, traditional, and ancestral lands, waterways and fisheries.
- G. Water is sacred to many tribal cultures and Kam tribal people have utilized water in our own territory for religious, hunting and fishing, and sustenance purposes since time immemorial.
- H. Habitat degradation of the rivers Kam in tribal nation's territory has caused significant declines in fish stocks requiring fishing closures and threats to aquatic animals.
- I. Habitat degradation presents a clear and present danger to tribal nations' livelihoods and traditions and shows the federal government's failure to uphold its responsibilities and to protect the reserved rights of minorities like the Kam.
- J. “Indigenous peoples have the right, without discrimination, to the improvement of their economic and social conditions, including inter alia, in the area of education, employment, vocational training and retraining, housing, sanitation, health and social security;”
- K. The Kam support economic development as a means of exercising the inherent sovereignty of Tribal Nations and bettering the quality of life of Tribal citizens. Trade and partnerships with Indigenous Peoples throughout the world will help achieve this goal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Kam hereby ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations in any negotiations and strongly supports the development of a Kam autonomous government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Kam government until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution

CERTIFICATION The foregoing ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations was adopted by the Kam assembly on July 27th 2021.

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Sahap Abdulut

