

# Kirkuk Bayat Tribe ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the Kirkuk Bayat tribe, declare:

- A. Many Bayat tribal nations across the Kirkuk region have long histories of mutual respect and inclusion of those in their communities that date back thousands of years.
- B. All citizens and members of our member tribes and nations are born free and equal in dignity and rights equal to members of other nations or states.
- C. Bayat tribal ancestors and citizens of our nations have been targets of hate with harmful and even lethal effects, with cumulative outcomes that affect every area of life.
- D. Bayat tribal ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations (ICRIN) will provide a legal framework to build autonomous Bayat local governments, legal codes and courts with legal jurisdiction over our lands.
- E. Our member tribes and nations are unwaveringly committed to strengthen and defend the autonomy of our tribal nation and the well-being of our tribal citizens, families, communities and nations and protect our sacred sites and artifacts.
- F. The principles of sovereignty and self-determination dictate that our member tribes establish a representative government that has full authority over all issues that impact the health, welfare, preservation of culture, and legal rights of our tribal members.
- G. Ratification of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations will serve to further the cause of human rights for all Bayat citizens wherever they reside.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kirkuk Council hereby formally ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we are committed to promoting the principle of non-discrimination and to supporting and strengthening the Kirkuk Bayat tribe's rights to autonomy, including establishing our own courts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kirkuk Council supports its tribes in pursuing governmental autonomy and urges Kirkuk Bayat communities to commit to implement the provisions of the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Kirkuk Council until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.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 leadership of the Kirkuk Bayat tribe on 21st, 2021.

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