

Mullagori Tribes ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the Tribal Assembly of Mullagori representatives, do declare:

- A. The Mullagori or Mallagori is a subsection of the Momand Pashtun Ghoryakhel confederacy. Predominantly, Mullagori live in the Mula Gori Tehsil of Khyber Agency District in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, in the Mohmand Agency, Tehsil Prang Ghar and in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan.
- B. We Mullagori, who settled north of the Khyber Pass at that time when Islam was brought to South Asia, are among the bravest tribes descended from Ghoryakhel. We were among the Pushtun tribes that resisted the British Raj in India's Northwest Frontier.
- C. Our homelands in Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to experience disproportionate levels of violent crime, substance abuse, domestic violence, suicide, incarceration and unresolved historical trauma.
- D. Mullagori tribes are developing a system of justice based on traditional systems of justice that could operate more effectively and bring more suitable results to Mullagori communities than other systems imposed from outside.
- E. Mullagori tribal people believe that incorporating traditional systems and approaches into tribal justice systems is a key to both public safety and individual dignity in Mullagori tribes. We can best achieve this through ratifying and implementing the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
- F. Across and among all Mullagori tribal communities there are problem-solving traditions that include a spiritual dimension relying on the connectedness of all things and a community of people providing the basis for public safety and personal responsibility.
- G. The revitalization of peacemaking traditions for resolving disputes, dispensing justice, promoting healing and restoring dignity among our families, clans, communities, and nations is a key component needed to overcome persistent problems arising from historical trauma and colonization.
- H. Mullagori tribes proclaim their broad desire to revitalize traditional system of justice and laws of autonomous self-government that, for centuries, were the foundation of tribal communities, providing a process for mending the damage done between victim and offender and promoting the physical, emotional, social, and cultural health of those tribal communities.
- I. Mullagori leaders initiated an Indigenous peacemaking initiative and recruited participation from many leading peacemakers from across Mullagori in an effort to revitalize our customary practices by providing guidance and assistance to tribes and communities desiring to participate in the re-emergence of indigenous justice systems and practices.
- J. The International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations unequivocally supports the right of tribal nations to reinvigorate and revive their own peacemaking traditions in the context of their own communities and to support and seek support for the efforts of all tribal nations to do the same.

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- K. Support for efforts like that of the Indigenous peacemaking initiative and for tribal nations seeking to implement the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations within our own justice systems has been sparse and intermittent, hindering our ability to utilize our own dispute resolution systems perfected over millennia of successful use in our communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. In the interests of protecting and promoting tribal sovereignty, strengthening tribal governments, advancing tribal self-determination and advancing health and welfare of the Mullagori by providing more culturally appropriate and functional government, the Mullagori tribe does hereby express its support for the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and for those tribal nations who incorporate into their tribal justice systems.
2. The Mullagori tribes hereby endorse, ratify and support the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and encourage other nations to ratify ICRIN.
3. The Mullagori pledge to assist in advocating enhanced peacemaking through promotion of and adherence to the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations was adopted by the Mullagori tribes of Afghanistan and Pakistan on August 19th 2021.

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