



# Sharfadin Ezidikhan Georgia

## Ratification of the International Covenant of the Rights of Indigenous Nations

### **Securing and Protecting the International Legal and Political Status of Sharfadin under the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations**

WHEREAS, we, the assembled leaders of the Sharfadin Ezidikhan of Georgia do declare:

- A. We, the leadership of Sharfadin Ezidikhan of Georgia, have convened to affirm this resolution ratifying the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations (ICRIN) in order to preserve our ancient nation Ezidikhan so that present and future generations may inherit the sovereign rights secured under the International Covenant of the Rights of Indigenous Nations, and other rights and benefits to which Yezidis and other Indigenous nations are entitled under international law.
- B. The Yezidi Sharfadin religion has survived under the Order of the Peacock Angel among the Yezidi communities for more than six thousand years and also survives as part of our system of tribal and religious government.
- C. The Yezidis of Georgia are a part of the Yezidis who fled from the Ottoman Empire due to persecution in the 19th and early 20th centuries and sought refuge in Georgia.
- D. In 1919, with the consent of the Georgian government, a Yezidi organization was founded in Tbilisi by the Yezidis in Georgia. Called *The Yezidi Ethno-Nationality Consultative Council*, it considered the Yezidis to be a separate and distinct nationality.
- E. During the Soviet times there was almost no contact possible between Yezidis in Georgia and Yezidis elsewhere. Today the Yezidis remain among Georgia's poorest and most discriminated people.
- F. People of the Yezidi Sharfadin of Georgia and their free political institutions are the proper agents and authorities to promote the autonomy, international legal and political status of Yezidi social, political, economic and religious institutions.



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G. The Governments of Iraq, Syria, Turkey and Georgia have failed to protect indigenous Yezidi sacred sites and artifacts from the perils of colonialism or from their theft or destruction or terrorism within their state borders or to provide Yezidis with adequate police protection under law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. Because of such unjust and illegal acts as these, we declare our Government's compliance and adherence to the rights and responsibilities contained in the International Covenant of the Rights of Indigenous Nations, granting our community legal recognition as an Indigenous nation with protected rights.
2. The Yezidi Sharfadin of Georgia does hereby support securing and protecting rights of the Ezidikhan nation, artifacts and sacred sites under the International Covenant of the Rights of Indigenous Nations as a way to protect our international legal and political status against any possible cession or reduction by the Governments or any other party or entity addressing the violations of the international legal and political obligations.
3. Sharfadin Ezidikhan Georgia does hereby adamantly and strenuously reject federal government occupation of our land and denials of the international legal and political status of Yezidi; and
4. This resolution shall be the policy of Sharfadin Ezidikhan Georgia until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the religion of Sharfadin Ezidikhan Georgia on May 13th 2021.

Title.	Name
Baba Sheik	Asoev Georgy

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