

Rashaida Tribe ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the Rashaida Tribe, declare:

- A. The Rashaida, Rashaayda, Rashaida Arabs, or Bani Rashid (Arabic: رشيد بني) is a tribe of ethnic Bedouin Arabs descending from Hawazin natives in the Hejaz region of the Arabian Peninsula who currently inhabit Saudi Arabia, Eritrea, Sudan, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Jordan, Egypt and Libya.
- B. In 1846, many Rashaida migrated from the Hejaz region in present-day Saudi Arabia after tribal warfare broke out in their homeland. Large numbers of Bani Rasheed are also found on the Arabian Peninsula.
- C. Prior to contact with settlers, many tribal nations across the country and continent had long histories of respect and inclusion of those in their communities known as the Rashaida tribes.
- D. All citizens of our member tribes and nations are born free and equal in dignity and rights.
- D. Each member tribe has its own autonomous government.
- E. Citizens of Rashaida tribes and nations have been targets of genocide that has led to disparities and outcomes that affect every area of life. Because of this, our government has decided to ratify the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
- F. Our member tribes and nations are unwaveringly committed to all causes that strengthen the health of our tribal citizens, families, communities and nations including the principles of non-discrimination and self-determination as embodied in the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
- G. Many of our member tribes have taken steps including the enactment of laws to prohibit and address discrimination based on sexual orientation,
- H. The principles of sovereignty and self-determination dictate that our member tribes have full authority over issues that impact the health, welfare, preservation of culture and future of our tribal citizens, tribal courts and laws.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. In the interest of furthering the cause of human rights and the principles of non-discrimination for all our citizens wherever they reside, the Rashaida tribes hereby endorses and ratifies the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations, including establishing an autonomous government and taking part in an international justice tribunal.
2. We are committed to promoting the principle of non-discrimination described by the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations and to supporting and strengthening individuals, families, communities and our member nations.
3. The Rashaida leadership supports its member tribes to pursue governmental policy changes such as those outlined in the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Nations.
4. BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be the policy of Rashaida until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Rashaida on November 20th, 2021 CE.

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