A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE FEDERATION OF ABORIGINAL NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS

AND

THE GARIFUNA NATION

Considering that the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas was chartered on December 5, 2015, by the Member Nations of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas, and was reconstituted on January 28, 2023, by the Member Nations of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas as an independent constitutional confederation of sovereign insular area political organizations that are indigenous to and constituted by aboriginal inhabitants of the lands and territories contemporarily referred to as the Americas.

Considering that the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas aims for the common welfare, benefit, progression, provision, and protection of the Member Nations of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas.

Considering that the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and the Garifuna Nation mutually and officially recognize each other as sovereign entities and are willing to cooperate with one another to collaboratively advance their interests and achieve their goals,

Considering that the Garifuna Nation was created during a Summit held on March 14th, 2014,

Considering that the Garifuna Nation aims to strengthen the Garifuna Nation throughout all the countries where the Garifuna people currently inhabit, and

Considering that the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and the Garifuna Nation mutually and officially recognize each other as sovereign entities and are willing to cooperate with each other to collaboratively advance each's interests and achieve each's goals.

After having several discussions, the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and the Garifuna Nation have agreed to the following Articles.

Article 1: Cooperation

The Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and the Garifuna Nation will collaboratively implement programming that beneficially and mutually supports and promotes the interests and goals of each party.

Article 2: Diplomacy

The Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and the Garifuna Nation will cooperate in the area of diplomacy, and in accordance with each party's customary laws and practices will invite the other party in different international forums when it is possible and relevant.

Article 3: Treaties

The Garifuna Nation and the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas may in the future establish treaties and other agreements to achieve their mutual objectives of exercising sovereign authority and promoting and protecting natural, customary, cultural, and nobiliary rights; to reclaim and repatriate lands, territories, areas, artifacts, heirlooms and any other property of either party that any person unlawfully obtained from either party by effect of foreign colonization; to unify indigenous nations that have suffered cultural ethnocide; and to unify other diasporas that have suffered ethnocide.

Article 4: Garifuna Nation Congress

In accordance with its customary laws and practices and upon official decree of its Council of Representatives, the Garifuna Nation will invite the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas to have a seat in the Garifuna Nation's Congress and to participate in the Garifuna Nation's regular activities. Upon official decree of its Council of Ahtuskou Chiefs, the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas will extend a comparable invitation to the Garifuna Nation.

Article 5: Comity and Justice

In harmony with the principles of sovereignty, international comity, and international justice, the Garifuna Nation and the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas shall collaboratively harness and coordinate the power, authority, and jurisdiction of their respective judicial systems to administer and adjudicate claims against any liable persons; and when there exists a common cause of action, and in the interest of justice, the parties will unite to file class action lawsuits in foreign jurisdictions against any liable persons.

Article 6: Reparation

The Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and the Garifuna Nation will cooperate in the area of reparation, especially when it comes to issues such as crimes against humanity, genocides, forced colonization, and ethnocides.

Article 7: Restitution

The Garifuna Nation and the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas will cooperate in the area of restitution, especially through especially through the international commission that the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas will coordinate, and especially through the international commission that the Garifuna Nation may coordinate.

Article 8: Agriculture

The Garifuna Nation will invite the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas to participate in the Garifuna Nation Commodity Exchange. Upon establishment of its own commodity exchange, the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas will extend a comparable invitation to the Garifuna Nation.

Article 9: Amendment

This Cooperation Agreement may be amended by the prior informed, authorized, and written consent of both parties. The parties shall decide when any amendment shall enter into force and every amendment must be agreed upon by both Parties through their official leadership or authorized designee.

Article 10: Sovereign Immunity

The Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and the Garifuna Nation each expressly retain all rights and benefits of sovereign immunity. Nothing in this Cooperation Agreement shall be deemed as a waiver of sovereign immunity of either the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas or of the Garifuna Nation, nor may this Cooperation Agreement increase in any form or fashion the liability of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas or of the Garifuna Nation. Nothing in this Cooperation Agreement shall inure to the benefit of any third party for the purpose of allowing any claim against the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas or against the Garifuna Nation that would otherwise be barred under the doctrine of sovereign immunity or operation of law.

Article 11: Severability

If any provision of any Article of this Cooperation Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, all other provisions of all other Articles of this Cooperation Agreement remain valid and in full force and effect.

Article 12: Termination

Either Party may terminate this Cooperation Agreement by giving the other party at least 90 calendar days written notice. Such termination shall not affect any of the activities that the parties have undertaken under this Cooperation Agreement that are already in effect at the time of such termination.

Article 13: Entry into Force, Duration, and Termination

This Cooperation Agreement shall come into force on the date that the last party signs onto this Cooperation Agreement and shall remain in effect until terminated by either Party in accordance with Article 12 of this Cooperation Agreement.

Ratified in two original copies in English on the _____ Day of the month of August, in the year 2023.

(SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS)

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Date of Signature: _____

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