FEDERATION OF ABORIGINAL NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS

OFFICIAL DECREE

THE LAW OF CONTINUITY

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In accordance with **Articles V § 11** and **X § 26** *of the* **Constitution of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas**, *the* **Council of Ahtuskou Chiefs** *of the* **Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas** *officially decrees*:

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas affirms that the sovereignty of every FANA Nations is inalienable, inherent, perpetual, and arises from the sacred relationship between every FANA Nation, its ancestral territory, and The Great Spirit, The Almighty God, The Most High, The Creator of All Living Things;

WHEREAS, indigenous laws, governance systems, and responsibilities continue uninterrupted from time immemorial and are not dependent upon recognition or validation by external authorities;

WHEREAS, the Law of Continuity, as understood in natural law, indigenous law, and jurisprudence, affirms that what is true in the beginning remains true through transformation, and that sovereignty, law, and identity are not extinguished by disruption but persist through adaptation and reassertion;

WHEREAS, the recognition of the Law of Continuity is essential to advancing the full restoration and exercise of indigenous sovereignty in accordance with the principles of self-determination, truth, responsibility, and renewal;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of Ahtuskou Chiefs of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas hereby enacts the following:

ARTICLE I — DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Decree, the following terms have the following meanings:

1. Ancestral Territory means the full material, spiritual, ecological, cosmological, temporal, affective, pedagogical, energetic, and relational domain of every FANA Nation, and shall include, but shall not be limited to: all lands, soils, sediments, subterranean ceremonial spaces, aquifers, subsurface elements, deep geological formations, fossil-bearing strata, ancestral burial horizons, and mineral rights; all waters, waterways, and water bodies, whether flowing or still, above or below ground, including submerged territories, ancestral riverbeds, underwater ceremonial sites, and the inherent sovereignty and legal personhood of rivers, springs, lakes, and ocean bodies as living ancestral beings; all airways, winds, atmospheric space, and environmental flows, including atmospheric sovereignty over sky-based phenomena, solar radiance, celestial omens, and spirit beings ("Manitoag"); all sacred sites, ceremonial grounds, burial places, and cultural landscapes; all plants, animals, fungi, ecosystems, and co-governance relationships with other-than-human nations; all celestial bodies, sky-based territories, directional orientations, and seasonal cycles; all star maps, dreaming tracks, and celestial pathways through which ancestral law is remembered and

navigated; all Manitoag, ancestors, and energies with whom any FANA Nation maintains sacred responsibility; all ancestral pathways, ceremonial routes, migratory corridors, and trade networks; all songs, stories, chants, place-names, dreamscapes, and oral geographies connected to the land; all vibrational, phonological, and linguistic landscapes embedded in calls, frequencies, sacred breath, and resonance fields through which ceremonial law travels; all sonic geographies, echoes, acoustic alignments, and infrasound fields that carry ancestral instruction; all knowledge systems, origin laws, and sacred instructions embedded in the territory itself; all sacred materials—such as ochres, resins, clays, shells, and pigments—that carry ceremonial, artistic, cosmological, or medicinal significance and are spiritually bonded to place; all food systems, sacred seeds, ancestral harvesting cycles, fermentation spaces, ceremonial feasts, and food-based obligations embedded in the reciprocal governance of the land; all responsibilities transmitted across generations for the care, defense, and ceremonial honoring of the land, waters, and all relations; all sacred geometries, spatial alignments, and cosmological codes encoded into the land through ceremonial, astronomical, or energetic design; all subtle markers of sacred presence, including soundscapes, winds, natural alignments, or seasonally revealed sites; all shared or overlapping zones of stewardship, treaty-based relations, and inter-FANA Nation responsibilities recognized through customary or ceremonial law; all digital, cartographic, or representational extensions of the territory, including maps, data, and oral geographies expressed through modern or ancestral technologies; all temporal and cyclical continuities through which territory is experienced and renewed, including solstice and equinox observances, planting and migration cycles, and lunar or cosmological calendars; all cosmological foundations of the territory, as received through creation stories, original instructions, and sacred agreements with the land, waters, Manitoag, and cosmic forces; the pedagogical nature of Ancestral Territory as a living archive that instructs through movement, observation, story, and ceremonial engagement; the sentient, memory-bearing, and instructional nature of the territory itself as a source of living law; the visual, olfactory, tactile, and aesthetic dimensions through which sacred presence, memory, and law are expressed and activated within the territory, including scent, smoke, texture, color, adornment, and design; all atmospheric cycles, climate systems, and ecological rhythms that shape the renewal, responsibility, and lawful interdependence of the land, waters, and beings across time; every FANA Nation's lawful relationships with animal nations, elemental beings, and other-than-human relatives who co-steward and animate the land; every FANA Nation's sacred custodial responsibilities to protect, preserve, and renew the integrity of the land, waters, and all relations as the trustee of its Ancestral Territory, on behalf of and for the benefit of its Federation Citizens and future generations; all kinship and memory ties to ancestral lands from which any FANA Nation may have been displaced but to which such a FANA Nation retains its sacred responsibility; all territories ceremonially, legally, or politically reconnected, reoccupied, repatriated, or rematriated as part of any FANA Nation's restoration of land-based sovereignty; all lands rendered dormant, disrupted, or displaced but which remain spiritually present and legally active in the law of any FANA Nation; all emotional, sensory, and affective dimensions through which territory is remembered, mourned, or renewed in ceremonial and legal practice; the ceremonial and legal presence of Ancestral Territory carried by FANA Citizens in diaspora; all geomagnetic fields, mineral veins, and sacred geological formations that encode ancestral law, memory, and ceremony within the consciousness of place; all ceremonial atmospheres, including fire, smoke, prayer, breath, sacred vapor, and vibrational energy through which sacred law and intention are transmitted; all virtual, augmented, simulated, or metaversal environments that replicate or commercialize Ancestral Territory or Knowledge Systems without lawful authority of the FANA Nation affected; all deep space, celestial, and interstellar jurisdictions to which any FANA Nation's cosmology, ceremonial law, or spiritual sovereignty extends; all future time-spaces revealed through prophecy, vision, or sacred instruction that shape the lawful responsibilities of any FANA Nation for its future generations; all sacred infrastructures—such as mounds, megaliths, petroglyphs, celestial observatories, planting grids, and inscribed landscapes—that encode ceremonial governance and ancestral alignment with time, place, and purpose; and all residual memory, energetic

imprint, or psychic impact of imposed borders, enclosures, or divisions that seek to fragment or limit the wholeness of any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory.

2. External Authority means, but shall not be limited to: any foreign government, political unit, legal entity, religious authority, supranational authority, international authority, non-state authority, sovereign entity, or corporate entity; any administrative or regulatory agency, police force, military body, or security apparatus not under the jurisdiction of the Federation or of any FANA Nation; any customary authority, indigenous nation not party to the Federation, traditional governance system, or de facto self-governing people; any constitutional order, colonial regime, settler state, foreign power, or imposed legal system; any extractive industry, development corporation, financial institution, or technological entity that asserts control, influence, or governance over any FANA Nation or its Ancestral Territory without such a FANA Nation's free, prior, and informed consent; any academic, scientific, or cultural institution that claims authority over the knowledge, representation, history, or ceremonial practice of any FANA Nation without the lawful consent of such a FANA Nation; any media outlet, content creator, entertainment industry, or cultural body that commodifies, distorts, appropriates, or misrepresents any FANA Nation's sovereignty, identity, Ancestral Territory, or Knowledge Systems; any environmental regime—including carbon trading markets, conservation initiatives, nature-based solutions, biodiversity offsets, ecosystem services markets, or climate finance systems—that impacts any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory, Knowledge Systems, or decision-making without the prior, informed, and express consent of the impacted FANA Nation; any tourism, wellness, spiritual retreat, or heritage enterprise that accesses, markets, or commodifies the Knowledge Systems or Ancestral Territory of any FANA Nation without such a FANA Nation's prior, informed, and express consent; any algorithmic, artificial intelligence, behavioral modeling, predictive analytics, biometric classification, or data-governance system used to influence, categorize, simulate, or manage decisions related to any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory, Knowledge Systems, or governance; any digital platform, infrastructure provider, cyber-regulatory body, or surveillance regime that asserts jurisdiction over the digital presence, communications infrastructure, data sovereignty, biometric systems, or representational authority of any FANA Nation; any digital identity system, biometric surveillance program, or population registry imposed without the full legal authority and informed consent of the FANA Nation concerned; any philanthropic organization or non-governmental body acting in the name of "development," "support," or "aid" without being fully governed by and accountable to the lawful authority of the FANA Nation concerned; any judicial or quasi-judicial body not constituted under the laws of any FANA Nation or the Federation; any private arbitration body, investor-state dispute mechanism, or corporate dispute tribunal that bypasses FANA Nation or Federation jurisdiction in matters affecting any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory, Knowledge Systems, or peoples; any religious mission, doctrinal institution, or ecclesiastical authority seeking to override, replace, distort, or invalidate the Knowledge Systems, ceremonial law, or spiritual sovereignty of any FANA Nation; any registry, landholding regime, or title system that imposes external property frameworks or ownership claims upon any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory; any trade regime, intellectual property framework, or financial rating agency that asserts authority over the valuation, commodification, or exchange of any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory or Knowledge Systems; any currency issuer, central bank, economic sanctioning body, or credit authority that imposes monetary constraints or external valuation systems upon any FANA Nation, any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory, or any FANA Nation's economy; any intermediary, consultant, arbitrator, third party, or negotiator purporting to act in relation to any FANA Nation's rights, Knowledge Systems, or Ancestral Territory without being expressly governed by such a FANA Nation's legal order; any museum, archive, private collection, or institutional repository that holds, displays, classifies, or refuses to return ceremonial objects, cultural patrimony, or ancestral remains belonging to any FANA Nation; any ethics board, research review panel, or academic oversight body that attempts to regulate, approve, or condition the conduct of research involving any

FANA Nation without being subject to such a FANA Nation's own legal and ceremonial protocols; any humanitarian organization, emergency management body, disaster reconstruction program, or climate resilience regime that intervenes within the Ancestral Territory, communities, or jurisdiction of any FANA Nation without the full governance and lawful consent of such a FANA Nation; any agency, contractor, or governing body initiating the relocation, resettlement, or displacement of any Federation Citizen without the free, prior, and informed consent of such individual's respective FANA Nation; any space-based, satellite, drone, remote-sensing, or geospatial surveillance system used to monitor, classify, extract, or assert governance over any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory without such a FANA Nation's prior, informed, and express consent; any biomedical, pharmaceutical, or scientific entity that collects, analyzes, patents, modifies, or claims ownership or governance over genetic material, traditional medicines, biometrics, biological data, or seed systems derived from the Ancestral Territory, Knowledge Systems, or peoples of any FANA Nation; any entity engaged in the unauthorized collection, modification, reproduction, or commercialization of ancestral seeds, plants, or ethnobotanical knowledge originating from any FANA Nation or any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory; any intelligence service, surveillance contractor, or covert actor engaged in the monitoring, infiltration, destabilization, or manipulation of any FANA Nation, its leadership, its governance systems, or its intergovernmental relationships; any actor engaging in opportunistic intervention, policy imposition, or asset seizure during declared emergencies, disasters, or crises without the governance of the impacted FANA Nation; any virtual, augmented, simulated, immersive, or gamified platform that replicates, distorts, or misrepresents the Ancestral Territory, Knowledge Systems, or experiences of any FANA Nation without such a FANA Nation's prior, informed, and express consent; any large language model, artificial intelligence system, generative algorithm, or digital agent trained on, producing, or disseminating content derived from the Knowledge Systems of any FANA Nation without such a FANA Nation's explicit authorization, ceremonial consent, and legal governance; any atmospheric or climatic intervention regime—including but not limited to geoengineering, cloud seeding, solar radiation management, or weather modification—conducted without the free, prior, and informed consent of the impacted FANA Nation; any space agency, extraterrestrial exploration initiative, orbital infrastructure operator, or celestial resource-extraction regime that violates the spiritual, cosmological, or celestial jurisdiction of any FANA Nation; any archival, historical, or legal database system, whether analog or algorithmic, that revises, erases, or misrepresents the timeline, legal memory, or ceremonial truth of any FANA Nation's experience; any techno spiritual, New Age, or esoteric actor who extracts, appropriates, or monetizes any Knowledge Systems of any FANA Nation under the guise of "universal knowledge" or "planetary awakening"; any actor, ideology, or regime that criminalizes, denies, or pathologizes the existence, authority, or ceremonial practice of any FANA Nation or that advances nationalist, imperialist, or anti-indigenous doctrines in direct or systemic violation of the Federation's or any FANA Nation's constitutional order; and any actor, institution, system, or regime, whether material or immaterial, human or non-human, terrestrial or celestial, visible or algorithmic, that imposes jurisdiction, asserts representation, or enacts governance over any aspect of any FANA Nation's existence, Knowledge System, or Ancestral Territory without the full, lawful, and continuous consent of such a FANA Nation, in accordance with such a FANA Nation's own laws, responsibilities, and sacred protocols.

3. Knowledge Systems means the living, intergenerational systems of understanding, law, and responsibility maintained by any FANA Nation. Knowledge Systems are not confined to human cognition or written form but are enacted through the interbeing of land, sound, breath, spirit, memory, ceremony, relation, and dream. Knowledge Systems are accountable to living law, to the sacred consent of the FANA Nation from which they originate, and to the lawful sovereignty of the future generations for whom they are maintained. Knowledge Systems are dynamic, sovereign, and rooted in the sacred relationships that connect every FANA Nation to its Ancestral Territory, its predecessors, and its responsibilities to its future generations. Knowledge Systems are expressions of sovereign governance, spiritual instruction, ceremonial

life, and cultural continuity, and shall include, but shall not be limited to: traditional languages, oral histories, and oral traditions; symbolic forms of communication; linguistic legal orders embedded in ancestral language structures, metaphor systems, verb forms, and cosmological etymologies; ceremonies, spiritual teachings, visions, sacred responsibilities, and spiritual knowledges; ecological knowledge, land-based practices, seasonal lifeways, and customary subsistence systems; ancestral traditions, kinship structures, sexed and gendered roles, clan-based and moiety governance systems, and intergenerational protocols; governance systems, legal orders, customary decision-making, and dispute resolution processes; understandings of time and space, including temporalities, cyclical time, seasonal and lunar calendars, and non-linear modes of temporal governance; place-based knowledge tied to sacred geographies, watersheds, and ancestral pathways; technologies and tools developed and refined through generations; ceremonial algorithmic systems, ancestral numerical codes, and symbolic computations embedded in rhythm, pattern, and cosmological sequencing; all forms of relational wisdom and stewardship, whether spiritual, cultural, ecological, territorial, ceremonial, legal, affective, or otherwise, that guide any FANA Nation's responsibilities to its Ancestral Territory and future generations; knowledge conferred through any FANA Nation's origin laws, creation stories, and sacred covenants established at the beginning of time; protocols and obligations governing the access, custodianship, ceremonial protection, or lawful restriction of knowledge; embodied, sensory, and energetic forms of transmission, including gesture, movement, rhythm, vibration, and silence; knowledge received through dreams, prophecy, fasting, altered states of consciousness, ceremonial revelation, and sleep-based transmission; dream-based legal archives and revelatory stewardship specific to ceremonial dream keepers and vision-keepers; knowledge held collectively through kinship, community, and land-based relationships; sacred sounds, songs, chants, and vibrational transmissions that carry cosmological and legal meaning; sacred geographies of sound, silence, echo, and resonance through which law, memory, and ancestral story are embedded in place; visual, olfactory, tactile, and aesthetic dimensions through which sacred presence, memory, and law are activated, including scent, smoke, texture, color, adornment, and design; knowledge embedded in ceremonial objects, regalia, tools, and material cultural forms; the sovereign right of sacred refusal, occlusion, or withdrawal of knowledge, including protocols of secrecy, concealment, and ceremonial invisibility; responsibilities of knowledge keepers, elders, ceremonial custodians, and appointed stewards of sacred instruction; digital, recorded, and representational forms that preserve or express knowledge in contemporary contexts; digital, cyber, and technological platforms adapted to preserve, protect, and transmit Knowledge Systems, including protocols for data sovereignty, representation, attribution, digital ethics, and ceremonial use; protocols for consent, acknowledgment, and representational sovereignty in the reproduction, translation, simulation, or modeling of Knowledge Systems, including digital twins, avatars, artificial intelligence-generated content, or immersive technologies; diplomatic protocols, treaty-making traditions, and inter-FANA Nation laws maintained through oral, ceremonial, customary, or ancestral covenants; nonverbal and aesthetic knowledge systems, including symbolic design, ritual spatial encoding, ceremonial architecture, and landscape cosmogramming; seasonal, lunar, and astronomical calendars that guide governance, lifeways, spiritual observation, and agricultural or migratory practices; ecological monitoring systems based on ancestral observation of climate, elemental signs, migration, water flows, and atmospheric changes; traditional pedagogies, including apprenticeship, story-based learning, oral repetition, land-based instruction, observation, mimicry, and ceremonial mentorship; customary justice and peacemaking systems, including covenant renewal, collective accountability, spiritual restitution, and transgenerational repair; food and culinary knowledge systems, including seed sovereignty, fermentation, preservation, ritual food offerings, and ceremonial feasting cycles; generational and reproductive knowledge systems, including rites of conception, midwifery, birthing, gender affirmation, and initiation under kinship or ceremonial law; intergenerational healing practices, grief ceremonies, mourning protocols, memory restoration, and trauma reversal through spiritual expression; sacred economies and systems of relational exchange grounded in reciprocity, redistribution,

gift economies, and seasonal or ceremonial obligation; migratory, nomadic, and diasporic knowledge systems tied to seasonal movement, cyclical return, displacement, and ceremonial re-mapping of ancestral memory; emplacement of knowledge in geophysical forms such as sacred ridgelines, echo chambers, mountain alignments, ceremonial corridors, sound-bearing topographies, and resonance fields; astral navigation systems, star-based wayfinding, and cosmotechnic alignments that orient trade routes, storylines, and seasonal transitions; modalities of communication with Manitoag, ancestors, and dream presences across dimensional thresholds as foundational to spiritual governance and cosmopolitical order; ancestral systems of adaptation, seasonal recalibration, and ecological response passed down to address earth changes, planetary upheaval, and prophecy; cosmological mapping systems, sacred geometries, energy meridians, planetary alignments, and topographies of law visible through ceremonial states and astronomical observation; encoded breathwork, vibratory breathing, ceremonial vocalization, gestural rituals, and movement codes used to transmit law across bodies, time, and terrain; ceremonial economies of accountability and enforcement, including taboos, social sanctions, and cosmological consequences for the breach of sacred law; trans-species knowledge and instruction received from other-than-human nations including animals, plants, fungi, minerals, Manitoag, and elemental intelligences; forbidden, restricted, or dormant knowledge that must only be awakened under a FANA Nation's lawful conditions or cosmological alignment; temporal and prophetic jurisdictions, including instruction received in long-cycle time, future memory, and ancestral foresight; sacred obligations of spiritual protection, ceremonial fortification, and vibrational sovereignty to maintain the integrity, boundary, and sanctity of knowledge; and all future-bearing knowledge frameworks that guide innovation, adaptation, revitalization, and restoration in accordance with any FANA Nation's ancestral instruction, spiritual principle, ceremonial authority, and sovereign law.

ARTICLE II — AFFIRMATION OF CONTINUITY OF SOVEREIGNTY

1. Inherent Sovereignty Preserved: The Federation affirms that notwithstanding European colonization, settler occupation, forced removal, dispossession, imposed jurisdiction, and all past and ongoing acts of violence, assimilation, legal nullification, or denial perpetrated by any External Authority, every FANA Nation's inherent, inalienable, and continuous sovereignty, jurisdiction, and right to self-determination remain uninterrupted and persist from time immemorial to the present day.

   The Federation further affirms that every FANA Nation's inherent, inalienable, and continuous sovereignty, jurisdiction, and right to self-determination without interruption exists independently of external recognition, derives from such a FANA Nation's original and ongoing relationship to its Ancestral Territory, Knowledge Systems, peoples, and endures as a living expression of lawful governance.

2. Non-Extinguishment: In accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. art. III § 1 cl. 3, no agreement, treaty, statute, doctrine, decree, charter, or law established by or under the jurisdiction or authority of any External Authority shall be construed to extinguish, diminish, or abrogate any FANA Nation's uninterrupted and persisting inherent, inalienable, and continuous sovereignty, jurisdiction, and right to self-determination without interruption.

ARTICLE III — CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF CONTINUITY

1. The Principle of Intergenerational Responsibility: The Federation affirms that every FANA Nation holds the right and the sacred responsibility to act in accordance with its ancestral duty to honor its predecessors and to protect the conditions necessary for the flourishing of its future generations.

Recognizing that true governance requires care for the past, accountability to the present, and responsibility to the future, the Federation affirms that in accordance with the Law of Continuity all decisions of the Federation made in the present must be guided by the past and measured by the long-term effects of such decisions on the cultural integrity, ecological balance, spiritual well-being, and communal life of every FANA Nation.

2. The Principle of Nuwomanit8k N8tuksowoag – Sacred Reciprocity and Relational Accountability: The Federation affirms that every FANA Nation holds an inalienable, inherent, and sovereign right to the sacred stewardship of its Ancestral Territory and further affirms that this right is inseparable from every FANA Nation's sacred obligation of care toward the entirety of its Ancestral Territory.

   The Federation affirms that every FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory encompasses the full spiritual, ecological, and material domain of every FANA Nation—including all beings, places, and relationships with whom such a FANA Nation maintains sacred responsibility, as defined in this Decree.

   The Federation further affirms that every FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory shall be interpreted in accordance with every FANA Nation's own Knowledge Systems and shall include all elements of the Ancestral Territory—tangible and intangible, named and unnamed—that contribute to the continuity of such a FANA Nation's lawful authority and sacred stewardship.

   The Federation further affirms that, in accordance with the Law of Continuity, the flourishing of every FANA Nation arises from and is intrinsically tied to its continuous practice of balance, expressed through the sacred act of giving and receiving in respectful relationship with all beings.

   The Federation further affirms that this balance is grounded in kinship and ceremony and is rooted in the Knowledge Systems handed down by every FANA Nation's predecessors; Knowledge Systems that remain essential to every FANA Nation's spiritual, cultural, ecological, communal, and territorial integrity.

   Building upon this foundation, the Federation affirms that the Law of Continuity recognizes, affirms, upholds, protects, and guides these sacred relationships, responsibilities, authorities, and rights, and reinforces the relational accountability that sustains the spiritual, ecological, cultural territorial, and communal integrity of every FANA Nation.

3. The Principle of Cyclical Time and Holistic Understanding: The Federation affirms that time is sacred and cyclical in nature—not a linear concept —and is a continuum in which the past, present, and future are interwoven and mutually sustaining.

   The Federation further affirms that the Law of Continuity requires that all decisions be made with an awareness of their layered impacts across generations, realms, and relationships, and recognizes that the actions of today are shaped by ancestral knowledge and will that, in turn, shape the conditions of life for future generations.

   Accordingly, the Federation affirms that in accordance with the Law of Continuity, all Federation Law, all Federation Policy, and all constitutional interpretation by every organ, representative, arm, and affiliated body of the Federation shall be implemented and interpreted through a holistic understanding of every FANA Nation's Knowledge Systems; and that such implementation and interpretation shall honor the wisdom of every FANA Nation's past, uphold every FANA Nation's present responsibilities, and safeguard every FANA Nation's sacred possibilities for the future.

4. The Principle of Territorial and Spiritual Connection: The Federation affirms that, in accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. art. XIII § 14, the Law of Continuity, and every FANA Nation's own legal order, Ancestral Territory shall be understood as a living and sovereign domain, held in continuity from time immemorial, maintained in the present, and preserved for future generations by every FANA Nation, and interwoven with every FANA Nation's spirit, Knowledge Systems, identity, and governance.

   The Federation further affirms that through every FANA Nation's continued access, care, ceremony, and stewardship of its Ancestral Territory, the Law of Continuity recognizes, affirms, upholds, and protects the enduring relationship that every FANA Nation holds with its Ancestral Territory.

   The Federation further affirms that every FANA Nation's enduring relationship constitutes a core expression of every FANA Nation's inherent, inalienable, and persisting sovereignty, jurisdiction, lawful authority, and right to self-determination without interruption; and that such expressions are rooted in, made manifest through, and fully recognized, affirmed, and upheld by the Law of Continuity.

5. The Principle of Revitalization of Knowledge Systems: The Federation affirms that every FANA Nation's Knowledge Systems are living embodiments of the Law of Continuity.

   The Federation further affirms that, in accordance with the Law of Continuity, every FANA Nation's Knowledge Systems are subject to such a FANA Nation's own laws regarding access, sharing, secrecy, and protection, and are recognized as foundational expressions of every FANA Nation's sovereignty, lawful governance, and continuity.

   The Federation further affirms that such Knowledge Systems carry every FANA Nation's intergenerational transmission of law, ancestral teachings, sacred responsibilities, and relational wisdom that bind generations together; reflect every FANA Nation's unbroken authority, wisdom, and lawful governance from time immemorial to the present day; and sustain every FANA Nation's spiritual, cultural, and ecological integrity across time, space, and ceremony.

   Accordingly, the Federation affirms that the Law of Continuity fully recognizes, affirms, and upholds every FANA Nation's protection, revitalization, and transmission of its Knowledge Systems across generations; and that such Knowledge Systems carry the intergenerational transmission of law, sacred teachings, and ancestral responsibilities of every FANA Nation, and bind every FANA Nation's generations together through ceremony, story, governance, and land stewardship.

   The Federation further affirms that the continuity of such Knowledge Systems is essential to every FANA Nation's spiritual, cultural, territorial, communal, and ecological integrity; to every FANA Nation's lawful authority, sovereign governance, and enduring vitality; and to every FANA Nation's reciprocal relationship with its Ancestral Territory.

ARTICLE IV — LEGAL AND JURISPRUDENTIAL APPLICATION

1. Doctrine of Continuity Adopted: In accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. arts. II § 3 and XIX §§ 5-6, the Federation hereby affirms and adopts the Law of Continuity as a foundational legal and operational doctrine and interpretive principle. As an interpretive principle, the Law of Continuity recognizes every FANA Nation's inalienable and inherent sovereignty, jurisdiction, right to self-determination without interruption, and Knowledge Systems that persist without interruption from time immemorial to the present day,

uninterrupted by colonization, foreign assertion of authority, or any competing claims of extinguishment.

The Federation further affirms that the Law of Continuity shall guide the interpretation and application of all Federation Law, all Federation Policy, all constitutional interpretation by all organs, representatives, arms, and affiliated bodies of the Federation, the Federation's recognition of indigenous legal orders, and the Federation's structuring of intergovernmental relationships with all External Authorities.

The Federation further affirms that the Law of Continuity shall govern all instruments, resolutions, and agreements entered by the Federation and— unless otherwise provided for by a sovereign act of a FANA Nation—shall prevail in the event of any interpretive conflict.

2. Continuity of Law: The Federation affirms that in accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. art. III § 7, and empowered by the Law of Continuity, the Knowledge Systems maintained and transmitted through the oral traditions, ceremonies, lived experiences, and authority of every FANA Nation's knowledge holders carry and exercise inherent and continuous legal force and authority.

   The Federation further affirms that such legal force and authority exists independently of any written codification, formal recognition, or validation by any External Authority.

   The Federation further affirms that such Knowledge Systems remain continuously valid and persist in full force, even where they have been suppressed, disregarded, or displaced by an External Authority.

   The Federation further affirms that such Knowledge Systems are living expressions of every FANA Nation's inalienable and inherent sovereign governance, are recognized, upheld, and protected by the Law of Continuity, and are binding both within and among the FANA Nations and in all matters governed by the Federation.

3. Application to Governance and Decision-Making: The Federation affirms that all organs, representatives, arms, and affiliated bodies of the Federation shall integrate the principles of the Law of Continuity into every form and act of their governance and decision-making.

   The Federation further affirms that such an obligation includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that short-term objectives of the Federation do not compromise the long-term flourishing of any FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory, of any FANA Nation's future generations, or of any FANA Nation generally; centering consensus-based processes that uplift community wisdom and foster intergenerational dialogue, especially between elders and youth; and assessing every proposed action in light of its social, cultural, ecological, communal, territorial, and spiritual impacts across time.

   Accordingly, the Federation affirms that in harmony with the Law of Continuity, every decision of the Federation shall reflect a holistic and relational understanding of governance that is rooted in the Knowledge Systems that every FANA Nation carries from its predecessors, for its current Federation Citizens, towards its future generations, and on behalf of all beings in its care.

4. Application to Land and Resource Stewardship: The Federation affirms the inherent right and sacred responsibility of every FANA Nation to govern its Ancestral Territory in accordance with its own Knowledge Systems.

The Federation further affirms that no FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory is a commodity or resource but rather is a living relative of and integral to the identity, governance, and lawful authority of every FANA Nation.

Accordingly, empowered by the Law of Continuity, the Federation affirms its responsibility to uphold, protect, and actively advance every FANA Nation's inherent rights and Knowledge Systems as they relate to every FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory.

The Federation further affirms that such upholding, protection, and active advancement shall include, but not be limited to, the inalienable, inherent, and sovereign rights of every FANA Nation to ensure the flourishing, protection, and care of its Ancestral Territory in accordance with its own Knowledge Systems; the rejection of any extractive, contaminating, or exploitative activity by any External Authority that causes harm or threatens the continuity and flourishing of its Ancestral Territory; and the giving or withholding of its free, prior, and informed consent before any action is taken by any External Authority that may affect its Ancestral Territory.

The Federation further affirms that, empowered by the Law of Continuity, the Federation shall honor every FANA Nation's inalienable, inherent, and sovereign rights and Knowledge Systems regarding its Ancestral Territory as an expression of every FANA Nation's living law, ecological and territorial integrity, and enduring relationship with its Ancestral Territory.

5. Application to Cultural and Spiritual Continuity: The Federation affirms that, empowered by the Law of Continuity, the Federation shall uphold, protect, and actively advance the sacred responsibility of every FANA Nation to protect, revitalize, and transmit its Knowledge Systems as living foundations of every FANA Nation's own lawful governance and cultural identity.

   The Federation further affirms that, empowered by the Law of Continuity, it shall protect every FANA Nation's Ancestral Territory from desecration, commodification, and disruption by any External Authority, and shall support every FANA Nation in restoring and sustaining its Ancestral Territory as a living foundation for the intergenerational expression, transmission, and flourishing of its Knowledge Systems.

   Empowered by the Law of Continuity, the Federation shall not consider its obligations to protect the FANA Nations as merely symbolic. Rather, the Federation shall fully engage these obligations as legal, spiritual, and sovereign mandates that are rooted in and empowered by the Law of Continuity and grounded in the persisting continuity of every FANA Nation's relationship to its predecessors, its Ancestral Territory, and its sacred responsibilities.

6. Application to Justice and Restoration: The Federation affirms that the Law of Continuity requires that justice be rooted in restoration, relational accountability, and the renewal of harmony within and among the FANA Nations, and with the Earth itself.

   The Federation further affirms that justice, as expressed through the Law of Continuity, is not solely or primarily retributive in nature, but rather is reparative, spiritually based, and intergenerational.

   Accordingly, the Federation affirms that the Law of Continuity mandates that, to be lawful, all of the Federation's approaches to justice must seek to heal imbalances and restore sacred relationships disrupted by harm; must address the deeper causes and conditions of wrongdoing, not merely their outward expressions; must prioritize truth-telling, accountability, reconciliation, and the restoration of right relations; and must be guided by the living laws and Knowledge Systems of the FANA Nations.

The Federation further affirms that, in accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. art. II § 3, these mandates are expressions of the principles of Wunnandry, which constitute the supreme law of the Federation.

7. Interpretive Guidance: The Federation affirms that, in all interpretive matters, this Decree shall be read in full harmony with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. art. II § 3, and shall guide the recognition and affirmation of the uninterrupted legal legitimacy of every FANA Nations and its living laws across temporal, territorial, cultural, social, communal, ecological, and jurisdictional contexts

   The Federation further affirms that this Decree shall serve as a foundational legal and operational doctrine and interpretive principle for acknowledging that every FANA Nation's legal orders retain their full force and authority notwithstanding displacement, suppression, or non-recognition by any External Authority or by any other systems of law or governance.

ARTICLE V — CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL CONTINUITY

1. Relational Continuity: The Federation affirms that in accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. pmbl. 3 every FANA Nation's relationship with its Ancestral Territory and Knowledge Systems persists across time, space, generation, and disruption.

   The Federation further affirms that the uninterrupted and persisting relationship every FANA Nation holds with its Ancestral Territory constitutes the foundation of its lawful authority and governance, is expressed through its inherited responsibilities and Knowledge Systems, and is empowered by the Law of Continuity.

   The Federation affirms that it shall recognize and uphold such continuity as an expression of every FANA Nation's inalienable and inherent sovereignty and legal legitimacy, notwithstanding any interruption, displacement, or denial by any External Authority.

2. Transmission of Authority: The Federation affirms that, in accordance with the Constitution of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas and empowered by the Law of Continuity, every FANA Nation's intergenerational transmission of responsibility through its Knowledge Systems constitutes a foundational expression of such a FANA Nation's inalienable and inherent sovereignty, lawful authority, and governance.

   Accordingly, and in accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. pmbl. 3, the Federation affirms that it shall recognize and uphold these transmissions as uninterrupted and persisting across time, space, and disruption, and as vital to the continuity of every FANA Nation's law and its legitimate exercise of governance under the Federation's legal and constitutional order.

ARTICLE VI — IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

1. Binding Effect: Upon adoption by the Council of Ahtuskou Chiefs of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas, this Decree shall enter into immediate and continuous force and shall carry the full weight of constitutional authority throughout the Federation.

   In accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. art. II § 3 and grounded in the inalienable and inherent sovereignty of every FANA Nation, this Decree shall bind all organs, representatives, arms, and affiliated bodies of the Federation, and shall serve as a foundational legal and operational doctrine and interpretive principle in all matters within the Federation's jurisdiction.

2. Harmonization: In accordance with Const. of the Fed'n of Aboriginal Nations of the Ams. art. II § 3, and all other applicable provisions of the Constitution of the Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas, this Decree shall serve as a foundational legal and operational doctrine and interpretive principle of the Federation. All Federation Law, Federation Policy, and constitutional interpretation by every organ, representative, arm, and affiliated body of the Federation shall be harmonized with the terms and intent of this Decree.

   Unless otherwise explicitly and lawfully provided by the sovereign act of a FANA Nation, in the event of any conflict, the Law of Continuity shall prevail as the governing doctrine and shall affirm the uninterrupted sovereignty, jurisdiction, and legal authority of every FANA Nation.

3. Review and Renewal: The Council of Ahtuskou Chiefs shall review the implementation of this Decree every five years to ensure its continued alignment with every FANA Nation's living laws, Knowledge Systems, and evolving expressions of sovereign governance and nationhood.

CERTIFICATION

This **Decree** *is official and effective upon the signature and seal of the*

Principal Ahtuskou Chief *of the* **Council of Ahtuskou Chiefs** *of the*
Federation of Aboriginal Nations of the Americas

and is accepted and approved this

Twenty Fifth Day *of the* **Fifth Wequâi** *of the* **Fourth Year** *of* **Reconstitutionalization.**

ACCEPTANCE *and* **APPROVAL** *of* **DECREE**

Principal Ahtuskou Chief Signature	**Principal Ahtuskou Chief Print**	**Date**