## **CULTURAL AFFLIATION**

Our tribe's cultural affiliation is deeply rooted in a spiritual heritage passed down through generations, intimately connected to the divine wisdom of the Creator. This spiritual lineage links us to the broader history of great nations, including those led by visionary leaders such as Napoleon Bonaparte. However, it is critical to emphasize that while we recognize the unity, strength, and collective prosperity that these historical leaders embodied, our tribe does not adhere to any form of monarchy or centralized authoritarian governance. We operate under the principles of spiritual sovereignty, communal self-governance, and the upliftment of all members, ensuring that every individual has a voice and role within our nation.

Our tribe affirms its right to self-determination and cultural preservation under the legal frameworks established to protect Indigenous peoples in the United States. This right is recognized by key federal statutes, including the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, all of which protect our sovereignty and right to self-governance. These laws affirm our entitlement to preserve our culture, maintain our spiritual practices, and govern ourselves without external interference.

In alignment with international law, our tribe also asserts its rights under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which acknowledges our inherent right to self-determination, cultural preservation, and spiritual practice. We fully adhere to these protections, which guide our actions and ensure that we remain a sovereign entity with full control over our cultural and spiritual identity.

This document serves as an official affirmation of our tribe's cultural affiliation, confirming our right to be recognized as a sovereign entity, entitled to the preservation and protection of our cultural practices, spiritual beliefs, and self-governance. We are committed to maintaining compliance with all relevant federal, state, and tribal regulations, ensuring our rights are respected and upheld.

