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# CERTIFICATE of TRIBAL RECOGNITION

## *The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribe & The Grayt Nation*

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**WHEREAS, The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribe**, also known as **The Grayt Nation (TGN)**, is a sovereign Indigenous entity, governed by its own Constitution, Charter, and Bylaws, established to preserve cultural heritage, promote economic stewardship, and uphold the principles of sovereignty, transparency, and self-governance;

**WHEREAS**, the tribe has established its governance structures, including legislative, executive, and judicial branches, as outlined in its Constitution, ensuring the tribe's self-determination, accountability, and transparency in all tribal affairs;

**WHEREAS**, the tribe is committed to safeguarding its assets, lands, properties, and financial holdings from external interference, with all financial transactions managed transparently and in accordance with tribal governance and best practices;

**WHEREAS**, the tribe recognizes its internal jurisdiction and legal authority over tribal members and tribal lands, with full legislative, executive, and judicial powers as articulated in its Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the tribe is dedicated to engaging with external governments and legal systems through respectful dialogue and cooperation, in alignment with its sovereign status and governance principles;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this certificate serves as formal recognition of the **Great Walk of Life Tribe** as a sovereign Indigenous entity, governed by its Constitution, Charter, and Bylaws, with full authority over its internal affairs, governance structures, and cultural and economic stewardship.

**The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribe (The Grayt Nation TGN)** is hereby recognized as an autonomous tribal government, with rights to self-determination, cultural preservation, and economic development in accordance with its constitutional governance framework.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Certificate of Tribal Recognition is issued by **1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025, The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribe**, under the authority of its governing body, on this , in witness whereof the undersigned officials have hereunto affixed their signatures.

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# Provision's & Clause's

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## **Sovereign Recognition Clause:**

The Tribe is recognized as a sovereign entity with inherent rights to self-governance, self-determination, and the management of its affairs without external interference. This recognition affirms the Tribe's authority over its governance, territory, and members.

## **Self-Certification Provision:**

The Tribe affirms its right to self-certify its government and related entities in compliance with applicable domestic and international legal frameworks. This certification acknowledges the Tribe's sovereign status and its governing authority.

## **Non-Interference Clause:**

External entities, including federal, state, or local governments, shall not interfere in the Tribe's internal affairs, governance, or economic activities unless expressly consented to by the Tribe's governing body.

## **Sovereign Economic Rights Provision:**

The Tribe has the right to establish, operate, and manage economic enterprises to support its welfare and sovereignty. This includes the management of assets, financial instruments, and participation in domestic and international financial markets.

## **Recognition of Leadership Clause:**

The Chief and Tribal Council members, as duly elected or appointed, are recognized as the legitimate leadership of the Tribe. The Chief holds executive authority, and the Tribal Council holds legislative and oversight responsibilities.

## **Jurisdictional Autonomy Provision:**

The Tribe exercises full jurisdiction over its territory, members, and governance processes. Tribal courts have authority over disputes arising within tribal territory or involving tribal members.

## **Cultural Sovereignty Clause:**

The Tribe maintains the right to preserve, promote, and develop its cultural heritage, traditions, language, and customs. Tribal governance and decisions shall reflect the Tribe's cultural values and traditions.

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**Asset Protection Provision:**

All tribal assets, including land, financial resources, and intellectual property, are protected under sovereign immunity. Assets are held in trust for the Tribe's long-term welfare and development and may not be sold, transferred, or encumbered without Council approval.

**International Relations Clause:**

The Tribe may enter into agreements with international entities when such agreements align with the Tribe's sovereignty and interests. All international relations shall be conducted with respect to domestic and international law.

**Federal Recognition Acknowledgment Clause:**

While the Tribe may seek formal recognition from federal authorities, this Certificate affirms the Tribe's sovereign status irrespective of federal recognition. The Tribe's authority remains unaffected by federal acknowledgment status.

**Compliance with Domestic Law Provision:**

The Tribe commits to compliance with applicable domestic laws where such compliance does not conflict with tribal sovereignty or interests. Participation in regulatory compliance frameworks is voluntary and at the Tribe's discretion.

**Legal Immunity Clause:**

The Tribe, its Council, leadership, and members are immune from legal claims or litigation in external courts unless the Tribe consents to legal proceedings. Tribal courts are the primary forum for legal disputes involving tribal matters.

**Environmental Stewardship Clause:**

The Tribe commits to environmental stewardship and sustainable practices in all governance and economic activities. Decisions shall consider environmental impacts and align with sustainable development goals.

**Emergency Powers Provision:**

In declared emergencies, the Chief, in consultation with the Tribal Council, may implement temporary measures to protect the Tribe's welfare. Emergency measures shall be reviewed by the Council once the situation stabilizes.

**Membership Rights and Responsibilities Provision:**

Tribal members are entitled to participate in governance, cultural preservation, and economic development. Members are obligated to support tribal laws and policies that align with the Tribe's sovereignty and welfare.



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**Dispute Resolution Clause:**

Disputes related to tribal governance, membership, or operations shall be resolved through the Tribe's dispute resolution mechanisms. The Tribal Council facilitates resolution processes, ensuring fairness and equity.

**Asset Management Provision:**

The Tribe shall manage its financial and physical assets in alignment with sovereign wealth and financial management policies. Asset management practices shall prioritize transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability.

**Recognition of External Agreements Clause:**

External agreements made by the Tribe, including treaties, charters, or economic partnerships, are binding and reflect the Tribe's sovereign authority. The Tribal Council reviews and approves all external agreements.

**Ratification Clause:**

This Certificate of Recognition is ratified by the Tribal Council and is effective as of the date of signing. Amendments to this Certificate may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council.

**Declaration of Participation Clause:**

The Tribe participates in domestic and international compliance frameworks voluntarily and at its own discretion. Participation does not limit the Tribe's sovereign rights or governance authority.

**Sovereign Wealth Protection Clause:**

Tribal financial assets and wealth are protected under sovereign immunity. The Tribe's economic decisions and asset management practices prioritize tribal welfare and sovereignty over external financial obligations.

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***By the Authority of The Grayt Nation “TGN”, The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribe***

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***Date: April 1, 2025***

***Tribal Founder’s Name: Nicholas James Lee Gray –Founding Chief / Tribal President***

