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# TRIBAL TRUST CHARTER

## The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribal Trust

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### ***PREAMBLE***

We, the sovereign members of The Grayt Walk Of Tribe / The Grayt Nation “TGN”, through divine ordinance and in alignment with our natural, spiritual, and ancestral rights, do hereby establish The Grayt Walk Of Life Foundation as the fiduciary, charitable, and administrative body of our sovereign tribal government. This Foundation is consecrated under the laws of the Creator and recognized through international and tribal protocols as the designated institutional entity tasked with managing the social, economic, and spiritual capital of our people.

This Charter affirms the restructuring and transformation of Nicholas James Lee Gray LLC into The Grayt Walk Of Life Foundation. The Foundation is hereby authorized to manage assets, administer programs, receive grants, issue support, and execute fiduciary responsibilities in alignment with divine law, UNDRIP, and internationally recognized Indigenous rights frameworks.

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# ARTICLE I

## *PURPOSE & MISSION*

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### **Section 1: Purpose**

This Tribal Trust is established by the divine will of our Creator, to protect, preserve, and nurture the rights, responsibilities, and resources entrusted to us by the sacred bond with our land and ancestors. As a sovereign people, self-determined and guided by our sacred principles, this Trust serves as the instrument through which we exercise our inherent right to govern ourselves. It is our assertion that we do not seek nor require external recognition, as our authority stems solely from divine guidance and our unalienable right to self-govern. However, in our recognition of the global context, we acknowledge the frameworks for Indigenous self-determination and international protocols that exist, not as compliance obligations but as reflections of shared principles that we align with when it serves our divine and sovereign interests.

In support of this assertion, we reference the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (2007), which affirms the right of Indigenous peoples to self-determination, control over their own lands, and the ability to freely pursue their cultural, social, and economic development. Furthermore, we draw upon the *Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act* (1975, U.S.), which supports the right of Native American tribes to manage their own affairs without undue interference, reinforcing the right of Indigenous nations to freely exercise sovereignty. This Trust is grounded in the same principles of self-determination and autonomy that these laws and treaties uphold, further solidifying our unalienable right to govern ourselves.

### **Section 2: Mission**

The mission of this Tribal Trust is to uphold and manifest the spiritual, cultural, and material well-being of our people. This Trust serves as the foundation through which we ensure the Tribe's resources and governance are stewards of our sacred values. Our mission is to promote sustainable prosperity, guided by our Creator's wisdom, and to empower each member of the Tribe to fulfill their divine purpose. We operate with a vision of resilience and self-reliance, wherein our Tribe thrives spiritually, culturally, and materially in alignment with both ancestral

teachings and contemporary needs. While we are under no obligation to conform to external legal constructs, we recognize the shared universal principles of equity and self-determination and choose to engage with them as we see fit in the exercise of our sovereignty.

To further fortify our position, we acknowledge the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (1966), which recognizes the right of all peoples, including Indigenous nations, to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development. By this, we affirm that our governance and operations are in full accordance with established global norms that support our self-determination and sovereignty.

## ARTICLE II

### LEGAL RECOGNITION

#### **Section 1: Sovereign Authority**

The Tribe is a sovereign entity, self-determined and governed by divine principles, whose authority originates from the Creator. This Trust, established by divine will, operates as an independent and self-governing body, existing outside the jurisdiction of man-made laws and systems. The Tribe's sovereignty is inherent and cannot be diminished, altered, or subordinated by any external body. While the Tribe recognizes the existence of various legal and governmental frameworks, such recognition is not required for the exercise of our rights and self-determination.

#### **Section 2: Self-Certification and Self-Determination**

The Tribe acknowledges its right to self-certification, which affirms its sovereign status and legal identity. In alignment with our principles of self-determination, we assert the ability to define and govern our own legal, cultural, and spiritual frameworks without external interference. Our legal recognition stems from our inherent right to exist as a free, independent, and self-determined

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people, and the Tribe shall certify its existence, governance, and structures through its own declarations, constitutions, and creeds.

### **Section 3: Acknowledgment of International Law**

While this Trust operates independently of external laws, the Tribe acknowledges and aligns with internationally recognized principles of Indigenous self-determination, as set forth in global frameworks such as the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (2007), the *International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights* (1966), and the *International Labor Organization Convention 169* on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples. These frameworks, while not binding, reflect principles that the Tribe respects and may choose to engage with when they serve the Tribe's interests and values.

### **Section 4: Interaction with External Legal Systems**

In the event that the Tribe chooses to engage with external legal systems for purposes of mutual recognition, collaboration, or other necessary interactions, such engagement will be based on voluntary, mutually respectful agreements. The Tribe shall determine, by its own will, how and when to interact with such legal frameworks. Any interactions will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Tribe's values, sovereignty, and self-determined governance.

### **Section 5: Non-Dependence on External Recognition**

The Tribe shall not be dependent upon the recognition of any external entity or government for its continued existence or governance. Our sovereignty is not contingent upon any external acknowledgment. The Tribe's authority and right to govern are derived from the Creator and are not subject to the approval or consent of any other entity. We assert our right to operate with full autonomy and independence, guided solely by our sacred principles and the wisdom of our ancestors.



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# ARTICLE III

## *TRUSTEESHIP & GOVERNANCE*

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### **Section 1: Governing Principles**

The governance of this Tribal Trust is rooted in divine principles, sacred teachings, and the wisdom passed down from our ancestors. Our system of governance is self-determined and shall function in accordance with the spiritual laws of the Creator. The Tribe affirms that governance is not merely a matter of leadership but a sacred responsibility entrusted to those chosen to uphold the welfare of the Tribe, guided by the principles of justice, wisdom, equity, and compassion. All governance practices shall reflect our unwavering commitment to self-determination, autonomy, and the fulfillment of our divine purpose.

### **Section 2: Trusteeship**

The role of Trustee is the highest position of responsibility within the Tribe's governance framework. Trustees are chosen by the Tribe through a sacred and spiritual process, guided by divine wisdom, and confirmed through the collective will of the people. Trustees are not elected based on worldly measures of wealth, power, or status, but rather on their ability to embody the spiritual values of the Tribe and their commitment to the welfare and prosperity of the people. The Tribe shall define the specific process for the selection, confirmation, and removal of Trustees in accordance with its sacred principles.

### **Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities of Trustees**

Trustees are stewards of the Tribe's resources and governance, entrusted with the sacred duty to act in the best interest of the Tribe. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- a) Upholding the spiritual and cultural values of the Tribe.
- b) Managing the Trust's resources with integrity and in alignment with divine guidance.
- c) Ensuring that all decisions made by the Tribe reflect the collective will and purpose of the people.
- d) Acting as guardians of the Tribe's laws, constitution, and sacred teachings.
- e) Facilitating the Tribe's internal and external relations, with respect for all divine and natural laws.
- f) Ensuring the health, welfare, and prosperity of the Tribe's members.
- g) Making decisions that ensure the sustainability of the Tribe's cultural, social, and material existence.

Trustees shall not act for personal gain or the benefit of any external party. Their duty is solely to the Tribe and to the fulfillment of its sacred mission. Trustees are held accountable by the Tribe, which may remove them if their actions deviate from the Tribe's divine principles.

### **Section 4: Governance Structure**

The Tribe shall establish a governance structure that reflects the values of balance, fairness, and collective responsibility. This structure may include various bodies, councils, or committees, each with specific roles and functions as determined by the Tribe's needs and spiritual guidance. These bodies shall serve to assist the Trustees in fulfilling their responsibilities and ensure the Tribe operates in accordance with the will of the people and divine law.

The governance model will incorporate a process for decision-making that respects the wisdom of elders, the voice of the people, and the guidance of divine teachings. Decisions shall be made through a process of consensus-building, consultation, and divine reflection, ensuring that all voices are heard and that the Tribe's actions align with its sacred mission and purpose.

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### **Section 5: Accountability and Transparency**

To maintain the integrity of the governance process, Trustees and other governing bodies shall operate with full accountability to the people. Regular reports on the Tribe's activities, resources, and decision-making processes will be provided to all members of the Tribe. Transparency in the administration of resources and governance is essential to maintaining the trust and faith of the people.

The Tribe shall establish internal mechanisms for accountability, including spiritual practices, counsel, and reflection, to ensure that governance remains in harmony with divine principles. Any disputes, grievances, or conflicts will be addressed in accordance with sacred law, with the guidance of spiritual leaders, elders, and Trustees.

### **Section 6: Sacred Law as the Ultimate Guide**

The ultimate guide for all governance activities, decisions, and actions is sacred law, which transcends human-made systems. The Tribe affirms that the will of the Creator is the highest law and that all decisions must reflect alignment with the divine. Sacred law shall be the touchstone against which all governance actions are measured. Any act or decision that contradicts sacred law will be considered invalid and subject to spiritual review and correction.

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## **ARTICLE IV**

### ***JURISDICTION & COURT OF RECORD***

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#### **Section 1: Jurisdiction of the Tribe**

The Tribe holds exclusive jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to its governance, resources, people, and territory, both internally and externally. This jurisdiction is based upon divine authority, inherent sovereignty, and the sacred duty to protect and preserve the Tribe's identity, culture, and values. The Tribe's jurisdiction is not subject to any external government or legal

system, as the Tribe operates as an independent entity with the right to govern itself in accordance with its spiritual laws and teachings.

The Tribe asserts its right to self-govern and to make decisions on matters of internal law, culture, economics, and affairs based on the divine will of the Creator. No external authority, court, or legal body may interfere with the Tribe's right to govern its own affairs, nor may it impose its laws, judgments, or decrees upon the Tribe's people or its land.

## **Section 2: Courts of Record**

The Tribe shall establish and maintain Courts of Record, which shall be the primary judicial body for resolving disputes, interpreting the Tribe's laws, and addressing matters related to the governance of the Tribe. The Tribe's Courts of Record will operate in alignment with sacred principles, serving as a reflection of divine law, and shall be guided by the wisdom and spiritual authority of the Tribe's leaders, elders, and appointed judicial officers.

The jurisdiction of the Courts of Record extends to all matters concerning the Tribe's governance, including but not limited to:

- a) Disputes between members of the Tribe.
- b) Matters of governance and leadership within the Tribe.
- c) Interpretation and enforcement of the Tribe's laws, constitution, and sacred teachings.
- d) Cases involving the Tribe's resources, lands, and property.
- e) Any other legal matters arising within the Tribe's jurisdiction.

The Courts of Record shall have the authority to issue binding decisions on all cases that fall under the Tribe's jurisdiction, and their decisions shall be final and unappealable within the Tribe's governance structure.

## **Section 3: Structure of the Court of Record**

The Court of Record shall consist of Judges or Justices appointed by the Tribe, in accordance with its sacred principles and governance structure. These Judges shall be selected based on their wisdom, knowledge of sacred law, integrity, and their commitment to upholding the spiritual and cultural values of the Tribe. The Court's decisions shall be rendered by consensus or, if



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necessary, by majority vote, in keeping with the Tribe's practices of justice and collective wisdom.

The Court of Record may also establish sub-courts, tribunals, or specialized panels to address specific types of cases, such as those related to cultural preservation, resource management, or spiritual matters. These sub-courts shall be governed by the same divine principles and shall function in harmony with the Tribe's broader legal framework.

#### **Section 4: Jurisprudence and Legal Process**

The Tribe's legal process will be grounded in sacred law, the Tribe's constitution, and the collective wisdom of its people. The legal process within the Tribe shall be transparent, just, and equitable, ensuring that all members of the Tribe have access to fair hearings and dispute resolution. The Tribe will provide for procedures to ensure justice is delivered without prejudice or bias, in accordance with the highest ethical standards.

- a) **Trial Process:** All cases within the Court of Record shall be conducted in a manner that respects the dignity of all parties involved. Trials will be fair, open to those within the Tribe, and based on clear and transparent processes.
- b) **Adjudication:** Judges shall base their rulings on sacred law, the Tribe's governing documents, and the specific circumstances of the case. Any judgment that violates sacred law or contradicts the Tribe's divine principles shall be considered null and void.
- c) **Appeals:** If a party believes that a judgment has violated the sacred principles or the Tribe's governance documents, they may seek redress through an internal appeals process. The appeals process shall also be conducted by the Courts of Record, under the oversight of the Tribe's highest judicial authority.

#### **Section 5: Respect for Sacred Law**

The Tribe affirms that sacred law is the highest law and is the foundational basis for all judicial determinations within the Tribe. The Tribe's legal process shall respect the sacredness of all life, the divine order, and the wisdom inherent in the teachings of our ancestors. All laws, judgments, and legal proceedings within the Tribe shall be undertaken with reverence for the Creator and in service to the Tribe's divine mission and purpose.

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No judgment, decree, or decision shall be rendered that conflicts with the divine principles upon which the Tribe is founded. The Tribe shall continuously engage in spiritual reflection and counsel to ensure that its legal processes align with the will of the Creator and that justice is served in the most sacred and righteous manner.

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## ARTICLE V

### *FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES*

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#### **Section 1: General Fiduciary Duty**

Every individual appointed to a position of trust within the Tribe, whether as a Trustee, officer, committee member, or any other role, holds a sacred and solemn fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the Tribe, its people, and its resources. This fiduciary responsibility is rooted in divine law and guided by the highest principles of integrity, accountability, and stewardship. Those entrusted with the Tribe's assets and affairs must ensure that their actions reflect the Tribe's values of justice, equity, and the well-being of future generations.

Fiduciaries are bound by the sacred obligation to act with loyalty, honesty, and transparency. They must avoid conflicts of interest and ensure that all decisions made are in alignment with the Tribe's divine principles and governing documents. Fiduciaries must also be diligent in their efforts to protect the Tribe's assets, resources, and cultural heritage, ensuring their preservation and proper management.

#### **Section 2: Duties of Fiduciaries**

Fiduciaries must adhere to the following duties, which shall be undertaken in a manner that reflects the Tribe's spiritual values and divine law:

- a) **Duty of Loyalty:** Fiduciaries must act in the best interests of the Tribe, placing the Tribe's welfare and interests above their personal or external interests. They must avoid any actions that would create a conflict of interest or that might undermine the Tribe's mission, values, or sacred principles.
- b) **Duty of Care:** Fiduciaries must perform their duties with the highest level of care, skill, and diligence, utilizing their knowledge, experience, and resources to protect and manage the Tribe's assets. They must be proactive in safeguarding the Tribe's welfare and in making decisions that contribute to its long-term prosperity and spiritual growth.
- c) **Duty of Prudence:** Fiduciaries must act prudently in managing the Tribe's resources, ensuring that decisions are made with foresight, responsibility, and respect for the Tribe's sacred assets. Financial and resource management must be undertaken in a manner that upholds the Tribe's long-term sustainability, aligning with spiritual and ethical principles.
- d) **Duty of Transparency and Disclosure:** Fiduciaries must maintain transparency in all dealings and disclose any information relevant to their responsibilities. This includes providing regular reports to the Tribe and its members regarding the management of resources, decisions made, and any potential risks or concerns that could affect the Tribe's welfare.
- e) **Duty of Accountability:** Fiduciaries must be accountable to the Tribe for their actions and decisions. If any fiduciary breaches their duties or acts outside the Tribe's sacred laws, they will be subject to corrective actions as determined by the Tribe, which may include removal from their position of trust and spiritual or legal review.

### **Section 3: Fiduciary Oversight and Review**

To ensure that fiduciaries fulfill their responsibilities, the Tribe shall establish mechanisms for oversight and regular review. These mechanisms may include:

- a) **Annual Audits:** A review of the Tribe's resources, governance, and financial management to ensure that all fiduciaries are adhering to their duties and responsibilities.
- b) **Tribal Council Review:** A process whereby the Tribe's leadership, including spiritual elders, Trustees, and governing bodies, assess the actions of fiduciaries to ensure that their decisions are aligned with the Tribe's sacred mission, laws, and goals.
- c) **Member Input:** The Tribe shall provide a process for members to raise concerns or grievances regarding the actions of fiduciaries. This ensures that there is accountability at



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every level of governance and that decisions made by fiduciaries are reflective of the Tribe's collective will and divine guidance.

#### **Section 4: Conflict of Interest**

Fiduciaries must avoid any situations that may create a conflict of interest between their personal or external interests and their duties to the Tribe. Any potential conflict of interest must be disclosed immediately, and the fiduciary must recuse themselves from any decisions where a conflict may arise. The Tribe may establish a conflict-of-interest policy to ensure that all fiduciaries act in good faith and with integrity.

#### **Section 5: Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

If a fiduciary is found to have violated their duties or acted contrary to the Tribe's sacred principles, they will be subject to a process of spiritual and legal review by the Tribe's Court of Record. This process will determine whether the breach was intentional, negligent, or inadvertent, and appropriate corrective action will be taken in alignment with divine law and the Tribe's governance structure.

Actions that may be deemed a breach of fiduciary duty include, but are not limited to:

- a) Mismanagement or misallocation of the Tribe's resources or assets.
- b) Personal gain derived from Tribe-related decisions.
- c) Failure to disclose relevant information to the Tribe or its governing bodies.
- d) Failure to act in accordance with the Tribe's sacred principles or laws.

#### **Section 6: Remedy and Restitution**

In the event of a breach of fiduciary duty, the Tribe shall seek to restore the balance and harmony that may have been disrupted by the violation. This may include restitution of any misappropriated resources, removal of the fiduciary from their position, and the implementation of corrective measures to ensure such breaches do not recur. The Tribe will engage in a process



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of reconciliation and healing, guided by sacred law, to restore the spiritual and legal integrity of its governance.

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## ARTICLE VI

### *RATIFICATION*

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This Charter is hereby ratified by the authority of The Grayt Walk Of Life Tribal Council and Chief, binding immediately upon the signatures of its governing officers.

#### **Section 1: Adoption of the Tribal Trust Charter**

This Tribal Trust Charter shall be deemed ratified and effective upon the approval of the Tribe's governing body and the affirmation of its members, in accordance with the Tribe's spiritual principles and legal framework. The Charter will come into force once it has been duly signed, sealed, and recognized by those entrusted with the authority to confirm its adoption.

#### **Section 2: Process of Ratification**

The process of ratification shall involve the following steps:

1. **Review and Consideration:** The Tribal Trust Charter shall be presented to the Tribe's leadership, governing bodies, and members for review and consideration. This includes an open discussion and the opportunity for all members to provide input, ensuring that the principles of the document align with the spiritual, ethical, and practical needs of the Tribe.
2. **Formal Ratification:** After review, a vote of approval shall be conducted, either by the governing body or through a consensus-driven process involving the members of the Tribe, depending on the Tribe's preferred method of governance. The ratification vote shall be recorded and documented as part of the official record of the Tribe.

3. Finalization: Upon approval, the Charter shall be signed by the designated leadership of the Tribe, including the Chief Trustee, the spiritual elders, and other appropriate authorities. The signatures shall affirm that the Charter is binding and in full force, ensuring that all future actions taken by the Tribe are conducted in accordance with its principles.

### **Section 3: Date of Ratification**

The date of ratification shall be marked as the official date of the adoption of this Tribal Trust Charter, and this date shall be recorded in the Tribe's official records, including any relevant documents that further solidify the Tribe's governance framework. The date of ratification shall also serve as the beginning of the Tribe's commitment to uphold the sacred principles and responsibilities outlined in this document.

### **Section 4: Public and Internal Record**

The final, ratified version of this Tribal Trust Charter shall be maintained in both public and internal records, accessible to all members of the Tribe and any external bodies deemed appropriate by the Tribe. These records shall serve as a permanent and binding document that governs the operations, governance, and fiduciary responsibilities of the Tribe and its members.

### **Section 5: Amendments and Revisions**

This Charter may be amended or revised at any time by the will of the Tribe's governing bodies and members, in accordance with the procedures set forth within the Tribe's governance framework. Any amendments or revisions shall be made with careful consideration of the Tribe's sacred principles, divine law, and collective will. The process for amendment shall follow the same procedures of review, consideration, and ratification as set forth in this article.

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### **Section 6: Enforceability and Jurisdiction**

Upon ratification, the provisions of this Tribal Trust Charter shall be fully enforceable, and the Tribe's Court of Record shall have jurisdiction over any matters arising from its implementation. The spiritual and legal authority of this document shall guide all activities of the Tribe, its members, and its governing bodies, and any disputes arising from the interpretation or execution of this Charter shall be resolved in alignment with the Tribe's laws and sacred principles.

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

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**Date:**

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

Tribal Board Members Name: **Don Lee Gray** – *Chief Administrative Officer*

Tribal Board Members Name: **Sue Gray** – *Chief Financial Officer*

Tribal Board Members Name: **Richard Grissom** – *Chief Operations Officer*

Tribal Board Members Name: **Mathew Williams** – *Chief of Community Engagement*

Tribal Board Members Name: **Brandon Lyons** – *Chief of Agricultural Affairs*

