



## **ANISHINAABE DECLARATION ON E'DBENDAAGZIJIG**

**1. DEBENJIGED GII'SAAN ANISHINAAABEN AKIING GIIBI  
DGWON GAADENI MNIDOO WAADIZIWIN.**

Creator placed Anishinaabe on earth along with gift of spirituality.

**2. DEBENJIGED KIIMIINGONA DEDWINWE WI  
NAAGDOWENDIWIN.**

Creator gave us sovereignty to govern ourselves.

**3. DEBENJIGED KIIMIINGONA E'DBENDAAGZIJIG WI  
NAAKNIGEWAG WI NAMAADZIWAG.**

We belong to the land, and follow our own laws.

**4. DEBENJIGED KII-MIINGONAANH GSHKEWIZIWIN WII-  
MKWENMANGIDWAA E'DBENDAAGZIJIG.**

We have the right to determine who our people are.

**5. DEDBINWE GWA GGII-GKENMAANAANIK E'DBENDAAGZIJIG.**

Through our own governance principles and structures we decide  
who belongs.

**6. KINA KOWAABINDAAMIN SHKAKMIKONG, NIBI, NOODIN,  
SHKODE, MIINWAA KINA BEMAADZIIMGAK MIINWAA EZHI-  
NAWENDAASYING.**

Together all of us we take care of each other, earth, water, air, fire, and  
all our relations.

**7. MSHKOGAABWITOWNAANH GAA-MIINGWEWIZIYING WI  
NAAGDAWENDIZOWIN, WII-MNAADENMANGID SHKAKMIKWE  
MIINWAA D'BENDAAGZIJIG, E-KIDOOMGAK GAA-KIDWAAD  
NISHNAABEK NAAKNIGEWINING GAA-ZHIBIIGAADegIBA –  
NIIZHING MDAASWAAK-SHI-NCHWAASWI.**

We assert and exercise our inherent right of self-determination for the protection  
of our lands, and our E'Dbendaagzijig as affirmed by the  
Anishinabek Nation E'Dbendaagzig Naaknigewin, 2008



## **ADDENDUM TO ANISHINAABE NATION DECLARATION ON E'DBENDAAGZIIG**

1. We have been on this land and governed this land since time immemorial.
2. The treaty rights shall be protected and practiced by our E'Debendaagzijig.
3. We will assert our Doodemaag system and adoption laws according to our kinships customs with key principle of inclusion and equality.
4. We will reinforce our traditional governance. principles and structures.
5. We will continue to teach our children our teachings and traditional ways as Anishinabek to protect the seventh generation
6. As Anishinaabe people we unite to address the changing landscapes of external government policies as it affects the Anishinabek Nation, our land rights, and our inherent rights.
7. We will continue to protect our spiritual laws as this is our connection to Creator and this is part of who we are.
8. Further the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP)** reinforces our inherent right of self-determination: Article 3, 4, 8, 9, 33, 39, 42, 46.

### **Article 3**

Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

### **Article 4**

Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions.

### **Article 8**

1. Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture.
2. States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for:
  - (a) Any action which has the aim or effect of depriving them of their integrity as distinct peoples, or of their cultural values or ethnic identities;
  - (b) Any action which has the aim or effect of dispossessing them of their lands, territories or resources;
  - (c) Any form of forced population transfer which has the aim or effect of violating or undermining any of their rights;
  - (d) Any form of forced assimilation or integration;
  - (e) Any form of propaganda designed to promote or incite racial or ethnic discrimination directed against them.



### **Article 9**

Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right to belong to an indigenous community or nation, in accordance with the traditions and customs of the community or nation concerned. No discrimination of any kind may arise from the exercise of such a right.

### **Article 33**

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine their own identity or membership in accordance with their customs and traditions. This does not impair the right of indigenous individuals to obtain citizenship of the States in which they live.
2. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine the structures and to select the membership of their institutions in accordance with their own procedures.

### **Article 39**

Indigenous peoples have the right to have access to financial and technical assistance from States and through international cooperation, for the enjoyment of the rights contained in this Declaration.

### **Article 42**

The United Nations, its bodies, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and specialized agencies, including at the country level, and States shall promote respect for and full application of the provisions of this Declaration and follow up the effectiveness of this Declaration.

### **Article 46**

1. Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, people, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act contrary to the Charter of the United Nations or construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent States.
2. In the exercise of the rights enunciated in the present Declaration, human rights and fundamental freedoms of all shall be respected. The exercise of the rights set forth in this Declaration shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law and in accordance with international human rights obligations. Any such limitations shall be non-discriminatory and strictly necessary solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and for meeting the just and most compelling requirements of a democratic society.
3. The provisions set forth in this Declaration shall be interpreted in accordance with the principles of justice, democracy, respect for human rights, equality, non-discrimination, good governance and good faith.