



## **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 DEDBINWE 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-ZHIBIIGAADGIBA –  
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