

Acadian Bill of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

Preamble

Acknowledging the historical persecution and denial of rights suffered by the Acadian people; **Affirming** the inherent dignity and equality of all Acadian citizens; **Pursuant** to the principles established in the Universal Declaration of Acadie and the Organic Law on Governance, the Acadian Nation establishes this Bill of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms.

Part I: Civil and Political Rights

Article 1. Equality and Non-Discrimination

Every citizen is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and benefit of the law without discrimination based on ancestry, place of residence, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, or linguistic expression.

Article 2. Freedom of Expression and Assembly

1. Every citizen has the fundamental freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression, including freedom of the press and other media.
2. Every citizen has the right to peaceful assembly and association with others, provided such assembly does not infringe upon the equal rights of others.

Article 3. Linguistic Rights

1. Acadian French shall be protected and promoted as the foundational language of the Nation.
2. Every citizen has the right to use Acadian French in communication with all institutions of the Acadian Nation, and to receive education in their history and culture, as stipulated by the Organic Law.

Article 4. Right to Memory and Identity

The solemn duty of memory (Article 3 of the Universal Declaration) grants every Acadian citizen the right to research, teach, and memorialize the events of *Le Grand Dérangement* and the subsequent survival of the Nation, free from censorship or obstruction.

Article 5. Right to Liberty and Security

Every citizen has the right to life, liberty, and the security of the person, and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.

Article 6. Protection Against Arbitrary Detention

No citizen shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention, or exile. Any detention must be based on clear, established law and must include the right to a fair hearing and prompt review by a judicial body.

Part II: Judicial and Legal Rights

Article 7. Right to Due Process

1. Every citizen has the right to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal in the determination of their rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against them.
2. Every citizen is presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law.

Article 8. Protection Against Retroactive Law

No citizen shall be held guilty of any penal offense on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offense under national or international law at the time it was committed.

Part III: The Guarantee of Rights

Article 9. Enforcement

The rights and freedoms set out in this Bill are guaranteed. Any law, action, or decision inconsistent with them is, to the extent of the inconsistency, of no force or effect within the jurisdiction of the Acadian Nation.

Article 10. Protection of Ancestral Rights

Nothing in this Bill shall be construed as diminishing the rights and protections established for the Acadian people in the Universal Declaration of Acadie, nor shall it diminish the Nation's commitment to the solidarity with and rights of Indigenous peoples and other communities in struggle (Article 11 of the Universal Declaration).

Proclamation and Enactment

English

PROCLAMATION: By the authority vested in the Head of State, and in accordance with the sovereign will of the Acadian people, this **Acadian Bill of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms** is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this 27th Day of September, 2025.

Signed:

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Queen of Acadie, Supreme Guardian of Acadian Identity, Memory, and Unity.

Français

PROCLAMATION : Par l'autorité dévolue à la Cheffe d'État, et conformément à la volonté souveraine du peuple acadien, cette **Charte Acadienne des Droits et Libertés Fondamentales** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entrée en vigueur ce 27^e jour de septembre 2025.

Signé :

Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Reine de l'Acadie, Gardienne Suprême de l'Identité, de la Mémoire et de l'Unité Acadiennes.

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