

British Declaration of Independence

Preamble

We, the people of the Commonwealth, united in our resolve to liberate ourselves from the oppressive structures of colonialism and the historical authority of the British monarchy, hereby declare our immediate and unequivocal independence. We do so with a profound sense of duty to our ancestors and to future generations, acknowledging the enduring injustices and the systematic appropriation of our lands, resources, and cultural heritage that have persisted for centuries. This Declaration serves as an unassailable testament to our unwavering commitment to justice, equality, and the restoration of our rightful sovereignty, which has been unjustly subjugated throughout history. It is a formal severing of all ties to a system that has long perpetuated exploitation and denied our fundamental right to self-determination.

Declaration of Purpose

The purpose of this Declaration is to formally and irrevocably reject the authority of the British monarchy and to initiate the comprehensive process of dismantling the vestiges of colonial rule that continue to impede our progress. We seek to restore full sovereignty to the indigenous nations and peoples of the Commonwealth, whose lands were seized and whose rights were trampled upon by the so-called "doctrine of discovery". Furthermore, this document aims to abolish all institutional treaties that perpetuate systemic racism and inequity, such as the Canadian Indian Act, which has functioned not as a framework for peaceful coexistence but as an instrument of oppression, control, and cultural erasure. Through this act of self-liberation, we commit to building a future founded on mutual respect, equity, and the recognition of our shared humanity.

Articles

Article I: Rejection of Monarchical Authority

1. We formally renounce and hereby declare null and void the authority of the British monarchy over our lands, our people, and our natural resources. This includes all historical claims to dominion, all titles of nobility, and all legal and symbolic allegiance to the Crown.
2. We assert our inalienable right to self-determination and to establish our own forms of governance as a sovereign Commonwealth, free from any and all external control and influence. This new governance shall be a reflection of our collective will, values, and diverse cultures.

Article II: Restoration of Lands and Treasures

1. We demand the immediate and unconditional return of all lands, resources, and cultural treasures that were seized under colonial rule to their rightful and indigenous owners. This includes ancestral territories, sacred sites, and all artifacts held within British museums and private collections.
2. A transparent and equitable commission shall be established immediately to oversee the restitution process. This body will be comprised of representatives from indigenous nations and communities, ensuring their full involvement and consent in all decisions. The commission will be responsible for meticulously documenting historical claims, negotiating

the terms of return, and facilitating reparations where necessary to address the generational harm caused by expropriation.

Article III: Abolishment of Institutional Racism

1. We hereby call for the immediate repeal and abolishment of all institutional treaties and legislative acts that enshrine and perpetuate systemic racism, including the Canadian Indian Act, which was made with the Crown and not the Government of Canada. These instruments have been used to subjugate indigenous peoples and other marginalized groups, and their continued existence is an affront to justice.
2. We commit to creating and implementing new legal frameworks that will actively promote equity, justice, and inclusivity for all citizens, reflecting our rich and diverse heritage and cultures. These new frameworks shall prioritize the protection of minority rights and ensure equal and meaningful participation in governance and society for all.

Article IV: End to the Doctrine of Discovery

1. We categorically and unequivocally reject the doctrine of discovery and all its underlying principles. We recognize that this doctrine has been used historically to justify the dispossession of indigenous lands, the exploitation of resources, and the subjugation of sovereign peoples. It is a racist and anachronistic concept with no place in a just world.
2. We affirm that sovereignty and land rights are inherent to all peoples and are not granted by any external power. These rights must be respected and protected under our new governance system, and we specifically recognize indigenous land rights as paramount and non-negotiable.

Article V: International Recognition

1. We seek and expect recognition of our sovereignty and independence from the international community, aligning ourselves with the core principles enshrined in the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We will actively engage with global partners to secure our place among the community of nations.
2. We will pursue new treaties and agreements that foster peaceful relations, mutual respect, and collaborative global governance with other nations. Our foreign policy will be guided by the principles of equality, respect for national sovereignty, and the pursuit of shared interests for the benefit of all humanity.

Article VI: Establishment of a New Governance Framework

1. We shall immediately establish a new democratic governance system that truly reflects the will of the people. This system will be built upon principles of transparency, accountability, and robust public participation, ensuring that the power to govern resides with the people.
2. A Constitutional Assembly will be convened without delay, with the express purpose of drafting a new constitution. This constitution shall embody the values and aspirations of the Commonwealth and will be shaped by the voices of all our peoples.

Article VII: Commitment to Human Rights and Social Justice

1. We solemnly commit to upholding and promoting human rights for every citizen, ensuring that our governance structures are designed to protect the rights and freedoms of individuals and communities, especially those who have been historically marginalized.
2. We shall implement comprehensive mechanisms for social justice, including universal access to high-quality education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. We will prioritize the well-being of our most vulnerable populations, including indigenous peoples, and work to close the gaps created by colonial inequity.

Conclusion

In signing this Declaration, we, the people of the Commonwealth, reaffirm our dedication to a future free from the shackles of colonialism, rooted in justice and equality for all. This document shall serve as the sacred and unchangeable foundation for the establishment of a new Commonwealth that reflects our shared values, aspirations, and the dignities of all peoples involved. We call upon all nations and peoples of goodwill to support our cause for independence and justice, as we embark on this new and historic chapter in our collective history.

Signed,

Queen Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry

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