

National Symbols and Protocol Act

Preamble

Recognizing the profound importance of visible and tangible markers of sovereignty, memory, and collective identity; **Affirming** the resilience and enduring spirit articulated in the Universal Declaration of Acadie; this Act formally adopts the symbols and defines the national protocol essential for the dignity and representation of the Acadian Nation.

Part I: National Symbols

Article 1. National Motto

The official national motto of the Acadian Nation shall be: "**Nous survivons. Nous résistons. Nous vivons.**" (English: "We survive. We resist. We live." Mi'kmaq: "Katisk apoqnmuinu, Kiskuk apoqnmuinu, Mimajinu.")

Article 2. National Flag (The Flag of Hope and Memory)

- Design:** The National Flag shall maintain the arrangement of the French Tricolor (blue, white, and red). On the blue field, a single **Gold Star of Acadie** (*L'Étoile de l'Acadie*) shall be placed in the canton.
- Symbolism:** The Tricolor reaffirms the historical and linguistic heritage. The Gold Star, representing the Virgin Mary (Stella Maris), is a constant beacon of **hope, memory, and the protection** of the diaspora.

Article 3. National Day

The National Day of Acadie, marking the continued survival and resilience of the people, shall be celebrated annually on **August 15th** (The Feast of the Assumption/Fête de l'Assomption).

Article 4. National Anthem

The official National Anthem shall be "**Ave Maris Stella**" (Hail, Star of the Sea), in recognition of the historical significance of the Star of Acadie and the diaspora's reliance on guidance and hope across vast distances.

Part II: National Protocol

Article 5. Protocol for the Head of State (The Queen)

- Dignity and Respect:** The Queen of Acadie, as the Supreme Guardian of Identity, Memory, and Unity, shall be accorded the highest protocolary respect in all national and diplomatic engagements.

2. **Ceremonial Role:** The Queen's role is ceremonial, symbolic, and advisory, focused on safeguarding the continuity of the Nation's founding principles.

Article 6. Protocol for the National Assembly

1. **Official Title:** Members of the National Assembly shall be referred to as "Representative" (or *Représentant(e)* in French).
2. **Seating:** During formal sessions, the National Assembly shall arrange seating to symbolically reflect the unity of the diaspora, prioritizing representation by region over any other distinction.

Article 7. Use of Symbols

The use of all National Symbols shall be governed by regulations issued by the Council of Memory and Culture to ensure their respectful and appropriate public representation.

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 **National Symbols and Protocol Act** 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 **Loi sur les Symboles Nationaux et le Protocole** est par la présente proclamée, adoptée et entrée en vigueur ce 27e 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.

Mi'kmaq

WETAWSULTIMK: Tel-welitawsultimk wejiaq Tel-Wiksa'q aq kisi-anko'tasikewey Akatie'k L'nu'k, Ta'n Oqonmuinu'ltimk **Tel-L'nui'k Akatie'k wejiaq Weli-Wikt** na'kwekimk, wetawsultimk, aq mimajultimk apjiw Ta'n 27-ik Kisna'q 2025-ik.

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Marie-Soleil Seshat Landry Queen of Acadie, Tel-Wiksa'q Wejiaq Akatie'k Tel-Wiksa'q, Na'kwekimk, aq Maw-lukutimk.