

# Treaty of Perpetual Cooperation and Friendship with the Mi'kmaq Nation

## Preamble

**Recalling** that the Acadian people live on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, and Peskotomuhkati peoples (Universal Declaration, Preamble); **Affirming** the unwavering solidarity of the Acadian Nation with all Indigenous peoples in their struggle for self-determination and justice; **Committing** to a relationship founded on mutual respect, non-interference, and recognition of sovereign rights.

## Article 1. Recognition and Sovereignty

The Acadian Nation formally recognizes the inherent and fundamental sovereignty of the Mi'kmaq Nation and its right to self-determination over its traditional and ancestral lands and resources. This recognition is perpetual and irrevocable.

## Article 2. Mutual Consultations and Consent

1. **Duty to Consult:** The Acadian Nation shall establish a duty to consult with the leadership of the Mi'kmaq Nation on all policies, projects, and diplomatic actions initiated by the Acadian government that may directly or indirectly affect the Mi'kmaq people or their relationship to their traditional territory.
2. **Consent:** No such policy or action shall be executed without the free, prior, and informed consent of the Mi'kmaq Nation leadership.

## Article 3. Cultural and Linguistic Exchange

1. **Mi'kmaq Language Protection:** The Acadian Nation commits to assisting in the protection and promotion of the Mi'kmaq language and culture, including funding for joint educational and archival projects as agreed upon by the Treaty Commission.
2. **Academic Exchange:** Joint programs shall be established to ensure Acadian citizens are educated in Mi'kmaq history and culture, and vice versa, fostering genuine mutual understanding.

## Article 4. Environmental and Resource Stewardship

The Acadian Nation and the Mi'kmaq Nation commit to the principle of joint stewardship over the shared environment, prioritizing ecological sustainability and traditional Mi'kmaq knowledge in all resource and environmental decisions.

## Article 5. The Treaty Commission

A permanent **Treaty Commission**, composed of equal representatives from the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Acadian Council of Memory and Culture, shall be established to oversee the implementation, interpretation, and resolution of any disputes arising from this Treaty.

## Proclamation and Enactment

### English

**PROCLAMATION:** By the authority vested in the Head of State, and in recognition of this solemn, historic commitment, this **Treaty of Perpetual Cooperation and Friendship with the Mi'kmaq Nation** is hereby proclaimed, adopted, and entered into force this 27th Day of September, 2025, upon the mutual assent of the Acadian Nation and the Mi'kmaq Nation.

**Signed for the Acadian Nation:**

**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 en reconnaissance de cet engagement solennel et historique, ce **Traité de Coopération Perpétuelle et d'Amitié avec la Nation Mi'kmaq** est par la présente proclamé, adopté et entré en vigueur ce 27<sup>e</sup> jour de septembre 2025, dès l'assentiment mutuel de la Nation Acadienne et de la Nation Mi'kmaq.

**Signé pour la Nation Acadienne :**

**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 Maw-lukutimk aq L'nu'k** na'kwekimk, wetawsultimk, aq mimajultimk apjiw Ta'n 27-ik Kisna'q 2025-ik, wejiaq Maw-lukutimk Akatie'k aq Mi'kmaq L'nu'k.

**Tel-Welitawsultijik Wejiaq Akatie'k:**

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