

Universal Declaration of Personal Sovereignty and Independence

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Preamble

We, the peoples of Earth, affirm that every human being is born free, sovereign, and whole. Our dignity is not bestowed by governments, crowns, or corporations, but flows from life itself and the natural and living order.

For too long, the sovereignty of persons has been denied, their lands taken, and their dignity subjected to domination. States and empires have claimed ownership over the Earth and its peoples, withholding from individuals what is their natural inheritance, and depriving Indigenous nations and First Peoples of their ancestral sovereignty and stewardship.

Therefore, in recognition of natural, organic law, and in the spirit of justice, peace, and mutual respect, we declare these principles as the birthright of all humankind.

Articles

Article 1 — Sovereign Personhood

Every human being is a sovereign person, equal in dignity, worth, and ****inalienable**** independence. Sovereignty resides first in the individual, not in the state.

Article 2 — Freedom Under Natural Law

All rights flow from natural law. They cannot be revoked, sold, or transferred by any power or artificial construct.

Article 3 — Respect and Dignity

All individuals are to be treated with absolute respect. No person shall be degraded, enslaved, or treated as property, nor subjected to non-consensual use.

Article 4 — Principle of Individual Sovereignty

Each person shall be regarded as a nation unto themselves, with absolute autonomy over body, mind, and destiny, provided they honor the equal sovereignty of others.

Article 5 — The Principle of Land Stewardship

Every person has the right to secure a place upon the Earth sufficient for a dignified

life. Land is a sacred trust for human and ecological flourishing, not a commodity to be monopolized.

Article 6 — Limitation of Public Domain

No government may hold land beyond what is demonstrably required for essential public functions and common infrastructure. All excess land belongs to the people.

Article 7 — Indigenous Sovereignty

The sovereignty of Indigenous nations and First Peoples is inherent, inalienable, and must be recognized, restored, and respected in full, including their jurisdiction over their ancestral lands and resources.

Article 8 — Commons of Air, Water, and Space

The air, waters, seas, and outer space are the common inheritance of all humankind. They shall not be monopolized, polluted, or militarized by states or corporations.

Article 9 — Right to Movement and Belonging

Every person has the right to move, settle, and belong within the Earth, so long as the sovereignty of others and the integrity of the land is respected. Immigration shall be guided by justice, balance, and mutual respect.

Article 10 — Cultural Autonomy

All peoples and individuals have the right to preserve, express, and develop their languages, traditions, and cultures free from forced assimilation or economic coercion.

Article 11 — Economic Independence

Every person has the right to the means of self-sufficiency, including access to land, fundamental resources, and tools necessary for a dignified life and freedom from debt bondage.

Article 12 — Protection from Exploitation

No individual's sovereignty shall be violated by exploitation, usury, or the unjust seizure of labor, land, or resources by any entity.

Article 13 — Ecological Responsibility

Sovereignty carries inherent responsibility: all individuals and nations shall safeguard the natural world and the health of the biosphere for present and future generations.

Article 14 — Knowledge and Innovation as the Global Commons

Scientific knowledge, fundamental discoveries, and technologies essential for human survival and flourishing belong to humanity as a whole and may not be monopolized to the detriment of life.

Article 15 — Digital Sovereignty

Individuals have the right to digital self-determination, including absolute privacy, security, and autonomy over their personal data, communications, and digital identity.

Article 16 — Consent and Self-Determination

No law, treaty, or agreement shall be binding upon an individual without their fully informed, free, and explicit consent.

Article 17 — The Inherent Right to Defense

Every person has the inherent right to defend their sovereignty, freedom, dignity, and property against coercion, tyranny, or unlawful domination.

Article 18 — Equality of All Sovereigns

No sovereign person, people, or nation is greater in dignity than another. Hierarchies of race, caste, or imposed class are void under natural law.

Article 19 — Community and Cooperation

Sovereignty does not abolish community. Sovereign individuals and peoples share a duty to cooperate for peace, mutual aid, and the flourishing of all life.

Article 20 — Stewardship for Future Generations

The Earth and its commons are entrusted not only to the living but also to all future generations, whose inherent sovereignty must be safeguarded.

Article 21 — Subordination of Authority

Governments, corporations, and institutions are fundamentally subordinate to the sovereignty of individuals. Authority exists only by the explicit consent of the governed sovereigns.

Article 22 — Declaration and Upholding of Principles

This Declaration calls upon all peoples and nations to honor and uphold these principles. Its legitimacy rests not on the will of states, but on the universal recognition by humanity that freedom, dignity, and sovereignty are the birthright of all.

Signed and Declared,
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