

**INTERNATIONAL INDIAN TREATY COUNCIL
30th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE
AJUMAWI TERRITORY, FALLS RIVER MILLS, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
July 8 – 11, 2004**

Resolution on Treaties, Land Rights and Sovereignty

Whereas, during the 30th Annual Conference of the International Indian Treaty Council held on July 8 - 11, 2004, was attended by Indigenous Peoples from throughout the world's continents; and

Whereas, we, the Indigenous Peoples of the world have the right to live with dignity and in peace in our own homelands; and

Whereas, we, the Indigenous Peoples of the world will no longer tolerate any kinds of invasions, whether physical, mental or economic.

Now therefore be it resolved that all forms of Agreements and Treaties regarding traditional land boundaries, water rights, natural resources, or anything affecting any aspect of the survival of Indigenous Peoples as Indigenous Peoples must be recognized and upheld by all the governments of the world.

Be it further resolved that the IITC will support the efforts of the Indigenous Peoples of Bolivia, as the rightful owners of their land, to spread their life view and will help them with the following, which will help all the Indigenous Peoples of the world:

1. To recover with intelligence and faith, what has been taken from them in order to leave a prosperous future for their children
2. The earth has always been for all humanity and must not be privately owned. The air, fire, water and earth are fundamental elements that should not be owned or destroyed by industrialization. The land is for the future generations, so the laws that allow profiting from it should be abolished
3. Indigenous Peoples have the right to recover their lands, cultures, languages, and sacred sites where they pray and live under their traditional authorities;
4. Their ways of life should be respected under ILO Convention #169 and other international laws and instruments
5. They should be able control their natural resources because they understand them in a way that will not bring harm to the air, water, earth, fire or other forms of life.
6. They need to make these worldviews known or be destroyed by industrialization.

Be it finally resolved that Indigenous Peoples must be allowed to govern themselves according to their own natural laws that were practiced for many generations prior to colonization and the introduction of non-Indigenous ways of life.

Adopted by Consensus July 11, 2004

