



Title: Constitution of the Powhatan Nation of American Indians

Preamble:

We, the members of the Powhatan Nation of American Indians, in order to preserve and protect our rich cultural heritage, promote unity and cooperation among our people, and secure the blessings of self-governance for ourselves and future generations, do hereby establish this Constitution.

Article I: Name and Territory

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Powhatan Nation of American Indians, hereafter referred to as "the Nation."

Section 2: Territory

The territorial jurisdiction of the Nation shall encompass the ancestral lands and territories historically occupied by the Powhatan people, as determined by the governing body. As well as any lands obtained by the tribe and utilized as tribal lands.

Article II: Sovereignty

The Powhatan Nation of American Indians shall exercise inherent sovereignty over its lands, resources, and members, and shall have the authority to determine its cultural, social, and political affairs in accordance with this Constitution.

Article III: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership in the Powhatan Nation shall be open to individuals who can demonstrate direct lineage to a member of the historical Powhatan people or any sub tribe that existed under the original Powhatan Confederation or who have been officially adopted into the Nation by a process determined by the governing body.

Section 2: Rights and Responsibilities

All members of the Powhatan Nation shall enjoy the rights, privileges, and protections accorded by this Constitution and shall uphold their responsibilities as members of the Nation.

Article IV: Principal Chief

Section 1: Position

The Principal Chief shall be the highest-ranking official of the Powhatan Nation and shall serve as the head of the Nation's government.

Section 2: Duties and Powers

The Principal Chief shall:

- a. Represent the Nation in all matters of diplomacy and external relations.
- b. Enforce the laws and policies established by the governing body.
- c. Preside over tribal meetings and council sessions.
- d. Uphold the rights and traditions of the Powhatan people.

Article V: Vice Chief

Section 1: Position

The Vice Chief shall support the Principal Chief in their duties and act as a representative in the Principal Chief's absence.

Section 2: Duties and Powers

The Vice Chief shall:

- a. Assist the Principal Chief in their responsibilities.
- b. Carry out specific duties assigned by the governing body.
- c. Assume the role of Principal Chief temporarily when necessary.

Article VI: Treasurer

Section 1: Position

The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the financial affairs of the Nation.

Section 2: Duties and Powers

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Oversee the collection and disbursement of funds on behalf of the Nation.
- b. Maintain accurate financial records and reports.
- c. Present financial reports to the governing body and the general membership.

Article VII: Spokesman/Spokeswoman

Section 1: Position

The Spokesman/Spokeswoman shall be the official voice of the Nation to the outside world.

Section 2: Duties and Powers

The Spokesman/Spokeswoman shall:

- a. Represent the Nation in media appearances and public events.
- b. Communicate the Nation's positions and policies to the public.
- c. Work closely with the Principal Chief and the governing body to ensure unified messaging.

Article VIII: Event Coordinator

Section 1: Position

The Event Coordinator shall be responsible for planning and organizing Nation events and gatherings.

Section 2: Duties and Powers

The Event Coordinator shall:

- a. Plan and execute cultural, social, and educational events for the Nation.
- b. Coordinate with relevant committees or departments for event preparation.
- c. Ensure events align with the goals and values of the Nation.

#### Article IX: Tribal Historian

##### Section 1: Position

The Tribal Historian shall be responsible for preserving and promoting the historical and cultural heritage of the Powhatan people.

##### Section 2: Duties and Powers

The Tribal Historian shall:

- a. Conduct research on the history, traditions, and practices of the Powhatan people.
- b. Share historical knowledge with the Nation through various means, such as workshops, presentations, and publications.
- c. Collaborate with educational institutions and other organizations to promote accurate representation of Powhatan history.

#### Article X: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the eligible voting members present at a special meeting called for this purpose.

#### Article XI: Ratification

This Constitution shall be ratified by a majority vote of eligible voting members of the Powhatan Nation of American Indians in a general assembly convened for this purpose.

In Witness Whereof, we, the undersigned, members of the Powhatan Nation of American Indians, do hereby adopt and enact this Constitution on this day, affirming our commitment to unity, sovereignty, and the preservation of our cultural heritage.

Signatures of Principals:

Principal Chief: Markanthy Ramsey

Vice Chief: Emilio Ramsey

Treasurer: Elizabeth Ramirez

Spokesman/Spokeswoman: Emily Culbertson

Event Coordinator: Megan Culbertson

Tribal Historian: Trevor Smith

Date: 01/01/2019