



OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY

BRANDON MICHAEL JEANPIERRE CORPORATION

DBA THE BLACK FLAG

A Recognized 501(c)(3) Religious Organization (EIN: 92-2858861)

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Pursuant to Article raWrXraWrXD-1n of The Covenant Codex

CEREMONY IDENTIFICATION

Ceremony Type: Anarcho-Punk Spiritual Journey of Self-Discovery
Ceremony Dates: May 1-4, 2025
Ceremony Location: The Obsidian Pinnacle, Milwaukee Headquarters
Ceremony Officiant: Brandon Michael Jeanpierre, Shadow Sovereign
Participant: Kevin Michael Cropper, Verified Congregant

DOCTRINAL FOUNDATION

This ceremony is conducted in accordance with The Covenant Codex, specifically Article raWrXraWrXD-1n, which establishes:

"The organization shall adhere to all relevant laws and regulations, provided they do not conflict with the fundamental beliefs and practices of the organization, including the spiritual journey to self-discovery through personal autonomy which may involve the use of substances that are classified as illicit drugs by certain jurisdictions..."

This religious principle is formally recognized through The Black Flag's Certificate of Incorporation (Delaware, March 7, 2023) and IRS Determination Letter (April 19, 2024).



CEREMONIAL PURPOSE

Religious Purpose of Ceremony:

- Spiritual communion within the anarcho-punk tradition of The Black Flag
- Facilitation of self-discovery and personal autonomy as core religious principles
- Religious integration of mind, body, and spirit through sacramental substance use
- Collective meditation on systemic inequities and divine pathways to transformation
- Essential assistance with time-sensitive religious corporate activation rituals specifically connected to the recovery of religious property currently being wrongfully detained in litigation case 225-cv-00287-JNP-CMR

SACRAMENTAL SUBSTANCES

Sacramental Substances Used:

- Methamphetamine: Used by Shadow Sovereign and Kevin for clarity of spiritual vision and sustained communion with the divine essence
- Heroin: Used by Kevin (with Shadow Sovereign providing QA, fentanyl testing, clean needle exchange, waste sterilization and safety oversight) for deepening spiritual receptivity and connection to universal consciousness
- Alcohol: Used by Shadow Sovereign and Kevin for ritual purification and facilitation of communal spiritual bonds
- Tobacco: Used by Shadow Sovereign and Kevin for grounding and connecting to ancestral wisdom within the punk tradition
- High Fructose Corn Syrup: Used by Shadow Sovereign for energy sustainment during extended ceremonial oversight

These substances were administered within a controlled religious context with appropriate safety protocols (including heart rate monitoring, cognitive function checks, hydration maintenance, and emergency standby procedures) in accordance with established religious doctrine as outlined in The Covenant Codex. All substances received quality assurance testing, sanitization procedures were followed with 100% compliance, and no emergency interventions were required during the ceremony.

PARTICIPANT OBLIGATIONS

Kevin Michael Cropper's presence was **religiously mandated** for the following essential religious purposes:



1. Participation in critical corporate activation rites directly connected to our ongoing litigation against Public Storage (225-cv-00287-JNP-CMR, US District of Utah; 240910075, 3rd District Salt Lake County) where religious property essential to these rites is being wrongfully detained
2. Provision of witness testimony for religious documentation required by The Covenant Codex and necessary for our Motion for Summary Judgment against Public Storage
3. Fulfillment of his role within the Circle of the Same Thread as established in Article 8 of The Covenant Codex
4. Assistance with time-sensitive legal filings connected to ongoing religious litigation establishing The Black Flag's protected status

His absence from his usual location was necessitated by these religious obligations, which could not be postponed without causing substantial religious harm as detailed in our Motion for Summary Judgment (225-cv-00287-JNP-CMR) against Public Storage, where we have established that detention of our religious property constitutes religious violence under our formally recognized religious doctrine.

LEGAL STANDING

This ceremony represents a core religious practice of The Black Flag protected under:

1. The First Amendment to the United States Constitution
2. The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA)
3. Utah's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (SB150, Utah Code § 63G-31-201)

This religious practice is substantiated through ongoing federal litigation establishing the legitimacy of The Black Flag's religious-corporate structure, particularly:

- Case No. 225-cv-00287-JNP-CMR (Public Storage et al, US District of Utah)
- Case No. 240910075 (Public Storage et al, 3rd District Salt Lake County)
- Case No. 2:25-cv-00290-DAO (Donald J. Trump, US District of Utah)
- Case No. 250900787 (Donald J. Trump, 3rd District Salt Lake County)

As argued in our Motion for Summary Judgment against Public Storage, private entities become state actors when utilizing statutory enforcement procedures, making them subject to First Amendment and RFRA constraints. The same principle applies to state enforcement of parole conditions that substantially burden religious practice without compelling governmental interest or least restrictive means.

RELIGIOUS HARM STATEMENT



Any interference with this religious ceremony, including the enforcement of parole conditions that prevent participation, constitutes religious violence as formally defined in our religious texts and would cause quantifiable religious harm similar to that detailed in our litigation against Public Storage (currently assessed at \$64,973,140.19 and increasing daily). The detention of our religious property by Public Storage has already forced us to miss critical religious deadlines, exacerbating the need for uninterrupted participation in remaining ceremonies to mitigate ongoing religious harm.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Brandon Michael Jeanpierre, as Shadow Sovereign of The Black Flag, certify under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct and that this ceremony was conducted in accordance with the established religious practices of The Black Flag.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: _____

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