

**AFRICAN DESCENDANTS
DECLARATION OF SELF-DETERMINATION**

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By the token of time, human history makes it necessary for one people to modify the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to take control of the powers granted by the Creator of the earth. For the separate and equal status to which the Laws of Nature and Nations give rise, human decency requires respect for all rights declared and for the causes which compel them to assert the Right to Self-Determination.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Humans are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, the pursuit of Happiness and Self-Determination.—That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among human beings, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to affect their Peace and Security.

Common Sense, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for frivolous and transient reasons; and accordingly, world history has shown that humankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to redeem themselves by abolishing the abuses to which they are accustomed. But when a long history of genocide, enslavement, domestic colonization, lynching, forced immigration, forced assimilation, ethnocide, rape, torture, police brutality, murder and discrimination, pursuing invariably the same objective, it evidences a design to reduce them under absolute despotism. It is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide for the Restitution, Compensation, Rehabilitation, Safe Guards and Protections for the People's future Security and Self-Determination—Such has been the patient sufferance of the African Descendant Nation, known as New Afrikans by the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika, known as the African Diaspora by the African Union, known as Afro-

Descendants by the Organization of American States, known as African Descendants by the United Nations, and known as chattel slaves, contra-band, three-fifths of a man, colored, negroes, blacks, second-class citizens, Afro-Americans, and now African American citizens by the United States of America.

Furthermore, among this Nation within a Nation are our people who have already formed nationhood based upon their Legal-Political and Religious right to do so. These and others have the God given right to separate into lands of their choosing, in the manner of their choosing, yet still confederate with all kinsmen whenever they choose to do so.

Within the legal history of the United States of America, there has never been one democratic opportunity granted to the African Descendant Nation to give their Collective Consent to governance by use of a plebiscite. The history of the United States of America is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having a direct objective of establishing an absolute hegemony over the African Descendant Nation. As such, it is now out of necessity that obligates us to alter our former relationship to the systems of government to include our international politico-legal status as an Indigenous Nation with Rights of Sovereignty and Self-Determination within and among the various villages, towns, cities, unincorporated areas, states and federal territories in which the people reside. Let whatever present Citizenship Rights attained through long years of rebellion and struggle for Civil and Human Rights be implemented in the various subdivisions of government. These Citizenship Rights shall not be relinquished but shall be in addition to those internationally recognized Human Rights so established through this Declaration of Self-Determination.

To establish our just cause, let the prevailing International Law be acknowledged and declared to an empathetic world:

- *Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.*
- *Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and its two Protocols.*
- *Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.*
- *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.*
- *Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.*
- *Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.*

- *Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*
- *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Protocol.*
- *Convention on the Rights of the Child, and its two Optional Protocols.*
- *Conventions of Geneva.*
- *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.*
- *Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.*
- *Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities.*
- *Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crimes and Abuse of Power.*
- *United Nations General Assembly Resolutions: 1514; 1541; 1654; 2621; 2625; 2708; 3103; 31/30; 35/118; 35/119; 35/120; 47/23; 48/52; 60/147; et al*
- *African Charter on Human and People's Rights.*
- *American Convention on Human Rights and its Protocols.*
- *Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture.*

To establish our just cause, let the undisputed Facts be acknowledged and declared to an empathetic world:

- *After the Civil War, the Government of the United States of America, through the enactment of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution, unilaterally decided the political and legal identity and status for African Descendants.*
- *For more than 400 years, African Descendants have suffered a long history of crimes against humanity and the most gross human rights violations such as genocide, enslavement, domestic colonization, lynching, forced immigration, forced assimilation, ethnocide, biogenetic engineering, rape, torture, police killings and brutality, murder and discrimination in its political, economic and social life.*
- *African Descendants have never been afforded a democratic process to collectively decide their own politico-legal identity, and thus their own status as a free people.*
- *African Descendants are an admixture of various African, Native American and European racial and ethnic groups; with Africans being the earliest migrants to the Americas, according to contemporary scientific inquiry.*

- *African Descendant admixture components are unique and concomitant with the biogenetic engineering activities conducted during the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade thereby producing a population indigenous to the Americas.*
- *African Descendants have developed separate and distinct survival systems for political, economic, social, cultural, educational, religious and linguistic expression.*
- *African Descendants have raised their children, buried their dead, developed and built their own institutions on the land.*
- *There are over 732 cities throughout the United States that are controlled by African Descendant mayors and city councils.*
- *African Descendants have an annual aggregate income and consumer purchasing power of over One Trillion USD and have the Collective Right to Economic Development in their best interest.*
- *The Million Man March attracted over two million men for a day of atonement.*
- *A National Survey of African Descendant Attitudes regarding the issue of Self-Determination revealed that over 80% favored Self-Determination.*
- *A conference entitled "From Civil Rights to Human Rights" was held by Scholars and Social Activists to chart out a new plan of action for their struggle for Self-Determination.*
- *African Descendants are a Nation within the United States of America and are entitled to the Right to Self-Determination. As a free people:*

We the undersigned, in order to form a more perfect Union, do hereby declare our Right to Self-Determination as an African Descendant Nation, our Right to the political and legal identity and status as an Indigenous Nation within the United States of America, as well as all Rights, Privileges and Duties of Citizenship acquired by the long years of rebellion and struggle for the Human Rights granted to all by the Creator of the Universe.

This 24th day of September, 2017

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Consented to and endorsed by the organizations, associations, groups, tribes, clans, families, and people of the African Descendant Nation represented by signatures below:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number _____

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