



Public Declaration of the United North American Council of the Lenca Nation (UNACLN)

To All Nations, Governments, and Peoples,

We, the United North American Council of the Lenca Nation (UNACLN), as the sovereign descendants of the Lenca People, originally of the lands now known as Honduras and El Salvador—hereby declare our inherent right to unite as a self-determining Indigenous people under:

- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP, 2007),
- Recognized principles of international law,
- U.S. federal tribal laws, and
- Canadian Indigenous rights frameworks.

Our Sovereign Rights & Purpose

As a displaced yet resilient Indigenous nation, we affirm our right to:

1. Self-Determination – To freely organize as a sovereign council representing the Lenca diaspora in the U.S. and Canada, in accordance with UNDRIP Articles 3, 4, and 5.

2. Cultural Continuity – To preserve and revitalize our ancestral traditions, language, and spiritual practices, as affirmed by UNDRIP Articles 11 and 12.
3. Peaceful Coexistence – To establish friendly, government-to-government relationships with all neighboring communities, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, based on mutual respect and non-violence.
4. Land & Sacred Site Stewardship – To advocate for the protection of our cultural heritage and just recognition under international Indigenous rights standards.

Our Identity & Commitment

The United North American Council of the Lenca Nation is composed of American and Canadian-born descendants of the Lenca People, who honor our lineage and seek to strengthen our collective future. While we stand in solidarity with our relatives in Central America, we address the unique needs of our displaced communities in North America.

We declare ourselves a peaceful, non-violent people, guided by the principles of:

- Dialogue over conflict,
- Cooperation over division, and
- Reciprocal respect with all nations and communities where we reside.

Call to Recognition & Partnership

We call upon:

- The governments of the United States and Canada to recognize our council under domestic tribal and Indigenous rights laws.
- International institutions, including the United Nations, to uphold UNDRIP in supporting our right to self-organization.
- Indigenous nations, civil society, and allies to join us in fostering unity and justice for Indigenous peoples across borders.

We extend our hand in friendship to all who share our commitment to peace, dignity, and the rights of Indigenous peoples worldwide.

In sovereignty, peace, and solidarity,

United North American Council of the Lenca Nation (UNACLN)

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This declaration is grounded in international Indigenous rights and the inherent sovereignty of the Lenca People. We welcome dialogue with governments, institutions, and communities to advance mutual understanding and cooperation.

****DISCLAIMER**** WE DO NOT REPRESENT EVERY LENCA COMMUNITY ACTIVE IN THE NORTH AMERICAS, WE ONLY REPRESENT THE CLANS, GROUPS, COLLECTIVES, BANDS, ETC THAT HAVE JOINED OUR UNION.

