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## **NACNA Statement of Appreciation to the Omaha Tribe**

On behalf of the Native American Church of North America (NACNA), we extend our sincere appreciation and respect to the Omaha Tribal Chairman, Tribal Council, traditional leaders, and Native American Church members for passing your recent resolution regarding Tribal sovereignty, Peyote protection, and unauthorized representation of Native ceremonies.

Your statement reflects the strength of Tribal Nations standing together to protect sacred medicine, Tribal sovereignty, Native religious freedom, and the sacred responsibilities entrusted to our people by our ancestors.

NACNA strongly supports the principles outlined in your resolution, including:

- Respect for Tribal sovereignty and government-to-government consultation.
- Protection of Peyote as a sacred medicine and way of life.
- Opposition to the commercialization, exploitation, and misrepresentation of Native ceremonies and spiritual practices.
- Recognition that no outside organization, researcher, company, or self-appointed advocate may speak on behalf of Tribal Nations or the Native American Church without proper authorization.
- Protection of the religious freedoms guaranteed under the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and the 1994 amendments protecting traditional Peyote use.

Your leadership comes at an important time when many Tribal Nations and Native American Church members continue working to protect sacred medicines, ceremonial ways, and Tribal authority from misuse and exploitation.

We honor the Omaha Tribe for taking a strong and respectful stand that uplifts Native voices, protects future generations, and preserves the sacred teachings and responsibilities passed down through our people.

Thank you for your leadership, courage, and commitment to protecting Native ways of life.

Respectfully,

  
Jon Brady  
President

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