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Resolution in Support of Tribal Sovereignty

MUUSAN (Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network) is a statewide advocacy and public policy network anchored in Unitarian Universalist faith and animated by its principles. We acknowledge that the land we now call Maine is the ancestral land of the Wabanaki Tribal Nations.

Our UU commitment to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of all people calls us to address systemic oppression by advocating with and on behalf of people who are marginalized as a result of systemic racism and colonialism and responding to the need to interrupt disparities in Maine's legal and economic systems.

MUUSAN stands with the Wabanaki Nations in affirming their Inherent Sovereignty.

In the 130th Maine Legislature, MUUSAN fully supported passage of legislation to restore Tribal Sovereignty in accordance with the 22 consensus recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act of 1980. As the Maine 131st Legislature convenes, MUUSAN reaffirms this support wholeheartedly. We urge the 131st Legislature to pass bills that implement any of these Task Force recommendations and are endorsed by the Wabanaki Alliance, and we urge the Governor to sign these bills into law.

We further urge Maine's Congressional delegation to sponsor and support, US Congress to pass, and the President to sign legislation ensuring that the Wabanaki Tribal Nations in Maine are included by default in federal Indian legislation, and have rights and benefits equal to the other federally recognized tribes.

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