

# ***United Tribes of Michigan***

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## **RESOLUTION # 049 02-23-2017**

### **United Tribes of Michigan Authorization to Become an Affiliate of the International Indian Treaty Council**

**WHEREAS**, the membership of United Tribes of Michigan (UTM) is open to all of the twelve federally recognized tribes located in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization provides a forum for the Tribes in Michigan to address issues of common concern and is committed to join forces to advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign Indian Tribes of Michigan throughout the next seven generations; and

**WHEREAS**, UTM accepts the mission to engage, as a matter of mutual concern, issues that impact the health, security, safety, and general welfare of Native Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) was founded in 1974 at a meeting called for that purpose at Standing Rock at which 97 Tribal Nations were in attendance; and

**WHEREAS**, the IITC is an organization of Indigenous Peoples from North, Central, South America, the Caribbean and the Pacific working for the Sovereignty and Self Determination of Indigenous Peoples and the recognition and protection of Indigenous Rights, Treaties, Traditional Cultures and Sacred Lands; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1977 IITC became the first Indigenous organization to receive Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and later the first to receive General Consultative Status at the UN; and

**WHEREAS**, UTM has worked with IITC over the years on myriad international issues from climate change to traditional foods, from repatriation issues to stemming violence against women. These are amongst only a few of the many common issues; and


**WHEREAS**, Many Tribal Nations, Indigenous Institutions and Indigenous NGO's have joined IITC as Affiliates over the four decades of its existence/ and


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**WHEREAS**, affiliation with IITC will help fulfill the UTM mission to address issues that impact the health, security, safety, and general welfare of the independent Sovereign Tribal Nations of Michigan, and, more broadly, Native Americans and Indigenous Peoples wherever they live.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the United Tribes of Michigan authorizes affiliation with the International Indian Treaty Council.

*Adopted by a vote of   9   in favor,   0   against,   0   abstaining, at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan held in Lansing, MI, on February 23, 2017.*

  
Chairman Aaron Payment  
UTM President

  
Chairperson Regina Gasco Bentley  
UTM Secretary