

UNDERSTANDING + USING TREATY RIGHTS

For Non-Native Allies

Event Recap!



What are treaties?

- Nation-to-nation agreements between two sovereign powers, in this context Native nations and the United States of America.
- Legally binding contracts establishing nations' political + property relations.

What are treaties?

- “Supreme law of the land” according to Article Six of the US Constitution above federal and state law.
- Like the Constitution and Bill of Rights, treaties don’t expire. They have the same power now as when they were originally created.

What can treaties include?

- Healthcare
- Education
- Hunting & Fishing rights
- Permanent land base for citizens
- Different treaties outline different rights, regulations, and benefits for the nations that signed onto the agreement. Treaties are very diverse and vary from Nation to Nation!

Challenges for Native Nations in asserting their treaty rights

Native nations and their citizens face many unique challenges in asserting + protecting their treaty rights including:

- Climate Change
- Resource Extraction and Development
- Court Challenges
- Erosion of Sovereignty
- Inadequate Federal Support
- Public Awareness and Support

As an ally to Native Nations, how can I support treaty rights?

Do your research:

- Are there demonstrations or events you could support?
- Do you have resources you could share or give to Native nations or organizations?
- Are Native nations in your region actively involved in legislation to support and/or strengthen their treaty rights? Ask! Find out and see how you can get involved in the process!

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