



## BOREAN COMMUNITY COMMUNAUTÉ BORÉENNE COMUNIDAD BÓREANA

The **Borean Community** met on 16 January 2021 to discuss indigenous people's rights and sovereignty. The community's members spoke on the history of indigenous peoples in their micronations as well as on the lands upon which members reside. These indigenous peoples include: the Anishinaabe, the Bodéwadmi, the Paskestikweya, the Lenni Lenape, the Abenaki, the Innu, the Kanien'kehá:ka, the Huron-Wendat, the Dx<sup>w</sup>dəwʔabš, the Sduhubš, the Noxws'áʔaq, the Yokuts, the Miwkoʔ Waaliʔ, the Mohegan, the Pequot, the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, the Báxoje, the Tsésthó'e, and others.

Members expressed their unequivocal support for indigenous rights, including the right to preserve and advance indigenous cultures, societies, and knowledge; to education and economic justice; and to self-determination. Ideally, justice would be granted to indigenous peoples through the honoring of historic treaties made between macronations and indigenous peoples and the restoration of indigenous lands. No matter what, indigenous peoples' sovereignty must be preserved as well as the preservation of their natural resources, and we fervently believe that indigenous people should enjoy self-government with local, national, and indigenous governments. We recognize the sovereignty and the continued existence of indigenous peoples in our local areas, as well as their historic claims to our lands and those around us. We also envision a world in which indigenous peoples enjoy freedom of movement and freedom from cultural and racist expectations of who is or is not an indigenous person.

We encourage micronations in North America to listen to their local indigenous communities, seek out their voices, and to advocate for the preservation and expansion of indigenous sovereignty and co-government with federal, state or provincial, territorial, and other local governments in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. We call upon North American micronations to investigate their local indigenous nations and to disrupt colonialist logic that disregards our relationships with them in an effort to fulfil the obligations made by the countries whose obligations we have inherited wherever and whenever appropriate. Some micronations—including some members of the Borean Community, such as Überstadt, Sandus, and Saint-Castin—already have much experience in working toward the advancement and preservation of indigenous peoples' sovereignty and rights. We hope that you will work with them.