



THE HONOURABLE SÔGMÔ GAIUS SOERGEL PUBLICOLA
in the truth and teachings of the Three Jewels and the benedictions of all the Gods,
sends greetings!

A DECREE CREATING A NEW LEGAL STATUS, ADJACENCY

Whereas the State of Sandus is a micronation comprised of its citizens who make up three forms of citizenship, *civilis*, *socialis*, and *peregrina*, but also of countless others who take part in Sandus through other means,

Whereas the participants of a micronation include not only those who are citizens by virtue of their membership in the body politic, but also those participants who by virtue of their frequency and attendance merit a status of their own,

Whereas it seems best to furnish a new legal status and process for becoming a full citizen that will allow those participants in Sandum society to have their participation merit some rights and responsibilities in Sandus,

The Honourable Sôgmô Gaius Soergel Publicola hereby proclaims the following:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE OF THIS DECREE

ARTICLE 1. This decree creates the new legal status of an adjacent, who is a participant in Sandum society but who has not willingly made any affirmations with respect to Sandum philosophy or Sandum identity that entitle them to the rights and obligations of citizens.

ARTICLE 2. This decree creates a new process by which noncitizens may become citizens

SECTION 2: THE CONDITIONS OF ADJACENCY

ARTICLE 3. Since the meaning of adjacency is to lie beside or to be located or adjoined to, a Sandum adjacent refers to an individual who is geographically close to other citizens and takes part in Sandum society, or who has any relations or affinities with a citizen such as those that imply friendship, sociality, and kinship.

ARTICLE 4. Adjacency is the legal status given to those who have relations with a Sandum citizen or who have relations to the State of Sandus, or who are geographically proximate to the State of Sandus and participate in Sandum society.

Article 5. An individual may be eligible to become an adjacent in cases such as, but not limited to, when a citizen commends the individual to the Sôgmô; after the individual has celebrated a Sandum holiday or participated in Sandum culture; upon the individual's investiture as a noble or their accolade (bestowal of knighthood) or inclusion in the Sandum royalty by a decision of the Sôgmô or their heir; when a person has demonstrated knowledge of Sandus, Sandum philosophy, and Sandum heritage yet has no relations to speak of; among others.

SECTION 3: RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS

Article 6. Rights:

- a. Adjacents are afforded the same rights as citizens, except for national suffrage including suffrage in the Council, though they may observe the proceedings of the Council.
- b. The Central People's Government may provide a public rationale for why an adjacent should not be afforded the use of a right in a particular case.
- c. Adjacents may be removed from the legal status for such things as, but not limited to, immoral acts, crimes, and severe violations of the principles of Sandum philosophy and of the Sandum constitution by means of a public notice.

Article 7. Obligations include: charity taxes, responding to censuses and public surveys, periodic participation in the State of Sandus, and other obligations that may arise and be set by the Sôgmô or by the Central People's Government as a whole.

SECTION 4: ADJACENTIFICATION

Article 8. Adjacentification is the process by which a non-citizen, who has met the above criteria and conditions, becomes an adjacent. The Sôgmô or their representative directly bestows this legal status with the consent of the individual who will undergo the process of adjacentification. There are two methods of adjacentification:

1. A Sandum citizen requests the Sôgmô to bestow the status on a non-citizen with whom they have a relationship. The Sôgmô approves the request, finding the non-citizen meets and conforms to the criteria and conditions specified above, and bestows the status.
2. When no such interpersonal relationship exists, the Sôgmô—with the consent, knowledge, and willingness of the non-citizen whom the Sôgmô has confirmed meets the criteria and conditions specified above—bestows the legal status.

Article 9. The process of adjacentification is completed only when the Sôgmô or their representative adds the new adjacent to the roll of citizens in the Tabulae Sandae.

SECTION 5: NATIONALISATION

Article 10. An adjacent may become a citizen after one year after they became an adjacent, that is, undergo nationalisation. The adjacent must express their intention to become a citizen publicly with a notice in the Council, and the Sôgmô must also notify cabinet of the adjacent's intention to become a citizen.

Article 11. Objections may arise that prevent the nationalisation of the adjacent. Citizens and members of cabinet may express their objections to the Sôgmô. In the case of an objection, a vote on the adjacent's request for citizenship will be held in the Council by simple majority vote.

Article 12. If the Sôgmô has heard no objections by the morning of the third day (counting inclusively) since the intention was made publicly, or after the Sôgmô has decided that the objections do not merit intervention, the Sôgmô may begin the nationalisation process.

Article 13. The nationalisation process is as follows:

1. The Sôgmô confirms the adjacent's intention to become a full Sandum citizen (*civis*).
2. The adjacent makes the enumerated affirmations of citizenship.
3. The Sôgmô, finding that all affirmations have been made in the affirmative and willingly as befits the law, administers the oath of full citizenship.

The nationalisation process concludes when the roll of citizens in the Tabulae Sandae are updated.

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