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"The sovereignty of Native nations depends upon reliable access to information by, for, and about tribal interests."  
– Duane Champagne, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa

Dear Tribal Leader:

Greetings. We are contacting you to invite your Tribe to participate in a project of great importance to Indian Country. We, at the Native American Rights Fund's National Indian Law Library, are gathering and publishing online tribal codes and constitutions in order to provide tribes with easier access to their own and other tribes' laws. This project is called the "Access to Tribal Law Project." There are several valuable benefits to publicly publishing tribal law including:

- Promoting tribal sovereignty and affirming to the world that American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages are strong, independent and self-governing nations
- Encouraging tribal economic development as non-Indian businesses will be able to read the tribal law that will govern their transactions
- Allowing tribal court judges to look at other tribes' laws for guidance when their own tribe's law is silent—rather than looking to state or federal law
- Having your Tribe's law in a digitized format that makes for easy updating as it is amended in the future

More than 240 tribes have already joined the Access to Tribal Law Project. It will cost your Tribe nothing. In return for sharing your code and/or constitution, we will do all the work needed to digitize it into a useful searchable format and add it to our website.

If you are willing to allow your Tribe to be part of this growing and successful national tribal law project, we would simply need your permission to post a copy of your code and constitution on our Library's website. You can send notification of your permission and copies of your Tribe's legal materials to [TribalLaw@narf.org](mailto:TribalLaw@narf.org) or to:

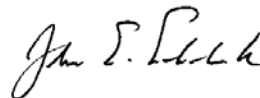
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More information about the Access to Tribal Law Project can be found online at [www.narf.org/nill/atlp](http://www.narf.org/nill/atlp). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call David Selden or Anne Lucke at (303) 447-8760, and they will be happy to talk with you. We would like to receive your tribe's codes and/or constitution as soon as possible. *Woli won* (thank you) for the time and attention you have given to our invitation.

Sincerely,



Virginia Cross  
Chairwoman  
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe



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