

# Aohiatónhsera Karihwahní:rats

Í:| ne Wisk Nikaniatará:ke nón:we iakwanákere, iakwanorónkhwa tánon ne teiakwaká:nere ne onkwahnékanos aiatióhnhéke, tsi iakwen'terón:ton tánon akwékon nahò:ten ne konnóhnhé ne ohné:kanos tekontí:neren.

Ne kati' aorí:wa iotehiaróntie tsi ionkwáhterons tsi nahò:ten ia'teikwaká:nere ronhátie tsi é:so iohserá:ke shiionkwáshknhen aiakwaten'nikónraren, ne kí' ne í:si' nia'kaniatará:ti iakwénteren iah teiakwarihwánón:we's tsi niohtonhá:tie. Iah thaónton e'tho aiakwá:take nék:ne aiakwateró:roke tsi niiawenenhátie ne onkwahné:kanos, iah tekari'wanóntha ne e'tho ní:ioht tsi áhontste, iah tehontkátos nahò:ton sénha tkarihwaié:ri, ní:i ionkwaterién:tare tsi ne kari'wanóntha ne aiatiohnhétie.

Ionkwahrharatshera:ien tsi shékon se' entewakwé:ni aionkwaiá'takehn ne onkwaniatará'shón:'a, ietewahtén:ti taietewarihwáshnie'ne tánon tewatoriá:neron ne né aorihwá:ke, onkwá:wen ne Wisk Nikaniatará:ke tewakwé:kon onkwá:wen. Tewatáthos tsi tekení:neren ne onkwatá'karitahtshera tánon ne aionkwahnekiióhake, tánon óni ne ateré:sera tahatikonhsotóntie, ionkwaterihwaién:ni ne senha aietitewáhnhe tánon senha io'shátste tsi naetewá:iere tóhsa aionkwahnekáksen'n.

Onén káti' iaakwaténnichte ne ióhnhé kahiatónhsera karihwahní:rats ne Wisk Nikaniatará:ke Tewakwékon Onkwáwen Aohiatónhsera, ionkwa'shatstehseráien tánon ionkwa'nikonhraiénta's nahò:ten tkarihwaié:ri, í:i ne iationkwe ne Kaniatará'któntie iakwen'terontáhkwe ionkwaterihwaién:ni aiakwaten'nikón:raren ne onkwahné:kanos.

Kí Kahiatónhsera Karihwahní:rats tánon ne Tiotierénhton Kainerenhserón:ni e'tho nontá:we tsi akwékon ne onkwe tiakotenróhon tánon ne kaniataraktóntie ratí:teron kwah tokén:en tsi waakwanonhtonnión:ko, nia'teíá:kon, tsi niontaiohtonhátie tánon tsi niohkwarihó:ten. Tánon ne kí' shaka skatne iokwatwe'nón:ni tsi naiakwá:iere ne Kaniatará'kéhshon aonsaioianeren'ne ne ohnékanos tánon tsi nahò:ten ne shaoié:ra tsi konnóhnhé.

## Tsi loto'kte, lakwarihwahní:rats:

- Kí Wisk Nikaniatará:ke aohné:kanos tsi ionkwatiohkwá:nen ionkwaienawá:se tánon ne tsi kanataké:ron ie'terónton ne onkweshshón:'a, kwah tsi náhe takenhátie tánon shékon iaontahsónteren tsi nén:we.
- Ne kí ohné:kanos, tánon ne aktóntie ne shaoié:ra óni ne onkwe tsi ie'terón:ton ne Kaniataraktóntie akwékon se' tehatíneren tánon tehontatienawá:se. Thénon eniokwaréwahte (enwahétken'ne) eniakokarón:ni kí' ne ótia'ke.
- Tehshonkwá:wi ne Wisk Nikaniatará:ke tánon shonkwari'honte ne ákte tewen'teronton ne aietewaten'nikón:raren, ne kati' aorí:wa e'tho nitewáierh ahotihnekiió:hake ne tahatikonhsotóntie.
- Ne aktóntie Wahstonhronónke tánon ne iohontsaké:ron ne Koráhne, tehatiahiakhons Kaniataraké:ron, tóhsa kí' ratihétkent tóka' ní' tahatikáhsi ne shaoié:ra tsi énska í:ken. Akwékon ne thénon ia'takarihwaiéntá:ó'n ne né Kaniataraténion aorihwá:ke ne ohénton í:kate ne onkwe aiakoia'takéhnha tsi nón:we rati'terón:ton ó:ni ne nahò:ten ne konnóhnhé ne ohné:kanos tekontí:neren, akwékon énska tsi aonnonhtonniónhon.
- Roti'shatstehserá:ien tánon rotianerenhseráien ne shihatinakereón'we tsi ní:ioht tsi kakwatákwen ne Aterihwahseronni'hsera tsi na'tehóntere ne Kanakerahseraké:ron, wentáon shékon í:kate tsi akwékon entionnóhnton.

## Ne káti' Aorí:wa:

Akwékon tetewá:iest ne onkwawén:na tewariwahní:rat ne onkwa'shatstéhnsera tánon tsi ní:ioht tsi aetewahshárine tsi nakaié:ren ne akwékon sha'teionkwáwen "Wisk Nikaniatará:ke." Eniakwaiéna nahò:ten ne ioiá:nere tsi tekaia'toréhton aká:take ne ka'shatstéhnsera kí kahiatónhsera nahò:ten wathró:ris tsi aontehiá:ron aonttakwari'hsi tsi neniawen'ne ne onkwaniatará'shón:'a. Entewateweiénton ne onkwahrharátshera tánon entewaten'nikón:raren ne tahatikonhsotóntie raotirihwáke eniethiiohétsten tsi nentewá:iere.



Tsi wetewatatshén:naren kí iakoianerenhserá:wis kahiatónhsera, entewaié:na nahò:ten ionkwaterihwaién:ni, tsitewaiá'tátshon tánon akóhreshon, ne kí ne ohnékanos aorihwá:ke tánon ne tahatikonhsotóntie raotirihwá:ke.



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# Charter Invitation

Out of our love for the Great Lakes and our responsibilities to future generations, we are calling for a renewed relationship with the Great Lakes. We are asking you to join us by adding your name and commitment to this transformative water governance agreement.

We are petitioning ourselves to unite across geography, ancestry, and issues about the future we want for these waters. Otherwise the Great Lakes will be destined to be:

- An object of management, rather than a partner in mutual restoration
- A measurable resource, rather than a revered source of life
- A commodity divided by political borders, rather than a shared and equitable commons

Water is the first medicine and can heal our exploitive relationships with mother earth and each other. The impacts of pollution and privatization are symptoms of this broken relationship. When you endorse the Great Lakes Commons Charter Declaration you join a growing community united around a truly restorative vision and practice.

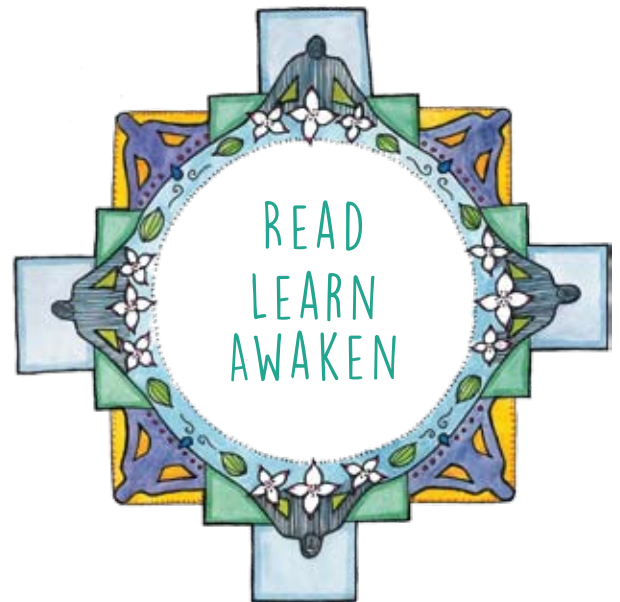
Drawing on the rich traditions within commons and Indigenous governance, this Declaration is coupled with a growing set of First Principles designed by Great Lakes communities as water protection guides. Together, these commitments braid unity and diversity throughout the watershed. They also affirm a simple truth: when we protect water as a shared and sacred commons -- we restore ourselves and our kinship across place and time.

## THE GREAT LAKES COMMONS CHARTER IS:

**INVITATIONAL** We want to spark broad and inclusive discussion about Great Lakes governance.

**ASPIRATIONAL** We want to collaboratively define and equitably organize the foundations for protecting the Great Lakes for at least the next 7 generations.

**TRUTHFUL** We want to elevate Indigenous self-determination, human rights to water, informed and participatory decision making, and the restorative power of water protection.



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