

Tawacomen Tribe Sovereignty Statement

“ People of the Scattered Roots ”

We, the unified body known as the Tawacomen Tribe, stand as the People of the Scattered Roots — a gathering of Indigenous descendants from many nations who have come together in kinship, heritage, and shared purpose. Our sovereignty is inherent, born of our collective will and identity, and not dependent upon the permission, definition, or recognition of any outside government. We exist as one people joined from many paths, bound by respect for our ancestors, our traditions, and our future generations.

Article I — Identity and Purpose

The Tawacomen Tribe is an Indigenous tribal community formed by individuals and families who trace their roots to multiple Native nations. Though our origins are diverse, we are united under the name Tawacomen, meaning People of the Scattered Roots. Our purpose is to preserve our heritage, protect our sovereignty, uplift our citizens, and promote mutual respect among all who carry the Tawacomen identity. We seek not to divide, but to reunite — to bring together the scattered roots of many nations into one living tree.

Article II — Right of Self-Determination

The Tawacomen Tribe affirms its natural and spiritual right to self-determination, including but not limited to:

1. Governance: To establish and maintain a Tribal Council, laws, and systems of self-rule consistent with our customs and community will.
2. Membership: To determine citizenship through lineage, kinship, or adoption in accordance with tribal policy.
3. Culture: To safeguard, revive, and transmit our languages, symbols, and oral traditions.
4. Faith and Ceremony: To practice spirituality and ceremony freely without interference or reinterpretation.
5. Economic Development: To build fair, transparent, and community-driven enterprises whose benefit is shared among tribal citizens.

Article III — Inter-Tribal Relations

We recognize and respect the sovereignty of all other Indigenous nations. Our unity is not built upon claim or conquest but upon respect, alliance, and shared heritage. The Tawacomen Tribe seeks friendship and cooperation with all Native peoples and governmental bodies who act in good faith and mutual respect.

Article IV — Responsibility to Our People

Our sovereignty carries responsibility — to govern justly, to preserve truth, and to honor the voices of all citizens. We commit to transparent governance, peaceful resolution of disputes, and continual service to the wellbeing of our people.

Article V — Affirmation

By this declaration, the Tawacomen Tribe affirms that our sovereignty is inherent and enduring. It cannot be granted, revoked, or diminished by any external power. We exist because our people live, remember, and choose to stand together as the People of the Scattered Roots.

Signed,

Mekhowanen Pemchis
Chief of the Tawacomen Tribe