

## INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF SPIRITUAL AND ANCESTRAL WISDOM — ONAC OF ICSAW



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I hereby agree with and understand that my being a card holding member of ONAC puts me in a very sacred and privileged position where indigenous peoples of all ethnic ancestral backgrounds can be honored with ONAC membership. I also agree that others may judge or criticize the organization by my attitudes, actions and words. Therefore, I will do my best to not do or say anything that reflects badly on ONAC and our other members. If I should have a problem with another ONAC member or my community (particularly if it is a legal issue) I hereby agree to either address it directly with the other person, through my Branch leaders or individually through the courts. I will not make ONAC a party to any legal proceedings without written authorization to do so from church headquarters in Utah. My signature below acknowledges that I am committed to faithfully living and practicing my spiritual pathway in alignment with these Sacred ONAC Codes of Ethics and Conduct.

- I commit to living a Sacred Earth–Honoring Lifestyle which Embodies the ONAC Principles of: Gratitude, Humility, Faith, Respect, Honor, Charity and
- · I commit to making effort to spend time each day in meditation and prayer, drawing closer to the Great Spirit and all of creation, Mother Earth, her living beings, such as: the Mountains, Rocks, Trees, Streams, Rivers, Lakes, Water Systems, Oceans, Father Sky, Winged Creatures, all two-leggeds and four-leggeds.
- · I commit to only use the sacred indigenous medicines and ceremonies to empower my body, mind and spirit and to serve myself and others and thereby create peace and harmony in my relationships.
- · I commit that I will keep the ceremonies and what is shared there by others sacred, not sharing it outside the circle.
- · I commit that I will understand my responsibility to financially sustain and support those who bless me. I will remember that medicine people and leaders have lives and families that need their time and they need to provide for them. I will be respectful and generous as they support and assist me.



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I understand that being a member of ONAC puts me in the position where people may judge the organization by my actions and words. I will not do things that reflect badly on ONAC and our other members. I will use public media in a positive and respectful way, not criticizing other members or violating the sacred trusts developed in the Oklevueha Native American Church (ONAC) family circles. This includes social media, interviews and other public forums. If I have criticisms or concerns with another member, I will work it out with them directly or through my leaders within Oklevueha.
· I will never share sacraments with or sell medicines to those who are not members of ONAC. I understand that doing so removes my legal protection and exposes me to prosecution.
· I agree not to disrespect the medicines and sacraments by using them for any recreational or abusive purposes.
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I will never manipulate or take advantage of others emotionally, sexually, mentally, spiritually or physically that are in the open state during and after ceremonies or while using sacramental medicines.

Signature

Date

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