

Resolution adopted at MicroCon 2017, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America

Micronational Declaration on Ecological Stewardship

The global community of micronations, small countries, and aspirant states assembled at MicroCon 2017,

Deeply conscious of the threat posed to the health of the world's ecosystems by causes of human origin, including climate change,

Deeply concerned by the failure of many world leaders to prioritize and adequately address pressing environmental crises,

Disturbed by the denial of the scientific consensus on anthropogenic climate change by politicians and other influential actors,

Acknowledging the progress made by numerous countries, including micronations, to reduce their negative impact on the planet,

Encouraged by widespread support of international environmental treaties, especially the Paris Agreement,

Acknowledging that more dramatic action is required internationally to minimize the negative effects of climate change,

Affirming that micronations are important actors in promoting environmental stewardship on both a local and an international level,

Applauding the Alcatraz Environmental Treaty of 2015 and the steps taken by micronations to implement it by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and otherwise investing in sustainability,

Recognizing that much further action is possible on a micronational level to address ecological concerns,

Noting the lack of a framework for general best practices for micronations seeking to improve sustainability,

Hopeful that such a framework may help guide micronational environmental policy and facilitate further information-sharing between micronations sharing interests in ecological stewardship,

Recognizing that the rights of animals are an important part of a holistic approach to sustainability,

Acknowledging that these rights may be affected by an animal's intended use as food or when human welfare is threatened,

Further acknowledging the environmental and social importance of water conservation,

Taking note of the 100+ Ways to Conserve Water published by conservation campaign Water – Use It Wisely,

Acknowledging the benefits of reducing overall energy consumption in the household,

Further acknowledging the necessity of biological diversity to the health of local ecosystems,

Recognizing the threat that invasive species pose to biological diversity,

Affirming that locally-sourced food and domestic food production are central to increasing the environmental sustainability of food supply chains,

Concerned by the potential of genetically-modified foods to affect local ecosystems or facilitate the unsustainable centralization of food production,

Understanding the need to reduce global dependence on fossil fuels for energy,

Recognizing the variety of renewable energy resources available for micronations to harness to decrease fossil fuel usage,

Acknowledging the importance and practicality of reducing carbon dioxide pollution through clean transportation and the planting of trees and shrubs,

Further acknowledging that watershed health may be promoted by eliminating nonpoint sources of pollution and fighting erosion;

Recognizing that there are many practices by which micronations may reduce waste,

1. *Encourages* micronations and their denizens to reduce waste through use of strategies such as:
 - a. Using digital copies of media whenever possible;
 - b. Properly recycling all consumable goods possible, including electrical and electronic goods, paper, toner, ink cartridges, iron, aluminum, polyethylene terephthalate, glass, and plastic;
 - c. Household composting;
 - d. Giving away, instead of discarding, unwanted items;
 - e. Repairing broken items;
 - f. Avoiding the purchase of single-use and non-essential items;
2. *Further encourages* micronations and their denizens to protect watershed health by:
 - a. Minimizing the use of cleaning products and fertilizers containing phosphates;
 - b. Properly disposing of animal waste;
 - c. Preventing and repairing engine leaks in land vehicles and watercraft;
 - d. Reducing erosion by protecting slopes and planting suitable non-invasive trees and shrubs on erosive surfaces;
3. *Urges* micronations and their denizens to reduce carbon dioxide pollution by:
 - a. Commuting on foot, by bicycle, or with public transportation;
 - b. Planting non-invasive species of trees and shrubs suitable for the local environment;
 - c. Prioritizing energy-efficient and electric options when purchasing new vehicles;
4. *Endorses* reducing micronations' dependence on fossil fuels by sourcing electricity from renewable sources, including through domestic generation of electricity with solar panels, windmills, and other means of renewably harnessing energy;

5. *Promotes* micronational investment in local food supply chains by buying locally-grown food, avoiding the purchase of genetically-modified foods, and maintaining household gardens, including micro-gardens and urban gardening schemes where appropriate;
6. *Encourages* micronations and their denizens to protect biological diversity on a local level through the humane eradication of invasive species of plant and animal and the planting of species of plant native to a given ecosystem;
7. *Advises* micronations and their denizens to reduce household energy use by using energy-efficient appliances, including light bulbs;
8. *Supports* micronational water conservation through strategies such as the 100+ Ways to Conserve Water;
9. *Promotes* the ethical treatment of live animals in micronations, recognizing animals' rights as including, except in the case of animals to be slaughtered for food, or if necessary to prevent harm to humans, other animals, or property:
 - a. Rights to life, liberty, reproductive freedom, a natural living environment, natural behavior, and bodily integrity;
 - b. The freedom not to be arbitrarily subject to or controlled by fear or pain;
10. *Strongly encourages* all States endorsing this Declaration to participate in international sharing of information on policies, strategies, and practices that build sustainability, and to publicize such information to their denizens to promote ecological stewardship on the individual level;
11. *Condemns* denial of anthropogenic climate change and denounces climate-change denial as an element of national policy;
12. *Declares* that micronational governments and denizens are responsible for ecological stewardship within their territories to the full extent of their capacities;
13. *Strongly urges* all able micronational States to endorse this Declaration.

Below appear the signatures of delegates at MicroCon 2017 representing States endorsing this Declaration:
June 23, 2017: the Grand Duchy of Flandrensis, the Republic of West Who, the Grand Duchy of Westarctica, the Republic of Saint-Castin, the Principality of Aigues-Mortes, the Republic Molossia, the Commonwealth of Boshka, the Kingdom of Uberstadt, the State of Sandus, the Kingdom of Amethonia, the Aerican Empire and the Kingdom of Ruritania

Flandrensis

REPUBLIC OF WEST WHO

Ernest Emmanuel King

Boshka

TRAVIS

REPUBLIC OF SAINT-CASTIN

FREDERICK KEVIN BAUGH

GRAND MARSHAL YAGJIAN

Princess Victoria Charlotte Josephine Countess of Chablé

William James Seegal, for Uberstadt

C. Joseph R. Ruffalo, the State of Sandus

church of Ruritania

Emperor Eric Lis for the Aerican Empire

Prince Jean Pierre IV Principality Aigues-Mortes

Signatures of micronations endorsing this Declaration:

June 28, 2017 - the Kingdom of Dubast & the Missionary Order of the Celtic Cross



July 20, 2017 – République Anacratique du Padrhom

le 20/07/2017



July 21, 2017 – the Empire of Angyalistan

* Oliver, Emperor of Angyalistan

July 21, 2017 – the Empire of the Mekniyan lands and the Esagitian crown

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July 23, 2017 – the Forstendom Holkau

H. Wolf, FORSTENDOM HOLKAU



July 23, 2017 – the Fishtown Newport Territory

*The Chief Administrator of the
Fishtown Newport Territory!*



July 23, 2017 – the Grand Duchy of Nesti

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July 23, 2017 – Principauté Maritime d'Atlantide



July 25, 2017 – the Kingdom of Ahaänia



July 28, 2017 – the Archduchy of Mimas



August 29, 2017 - House of Deherrera

The House of DeHerrera
William DeHerrera
Yolanda deHerrera

September 11, 2017 - Etat Indépendant de NovaTroie



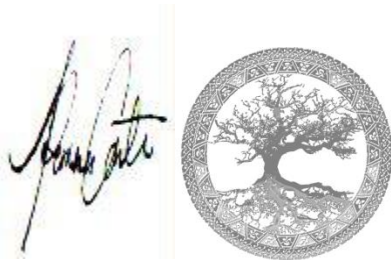
September 13, 2017- The Peoples Free Kingdom of Optonia

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October 10, 2017 - The Principality of Libertalia



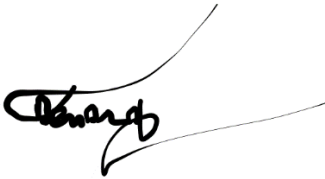
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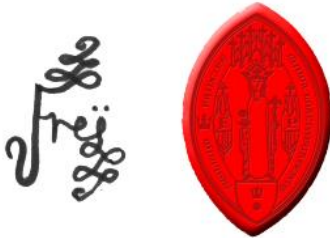
July 08, 2019 – the Empire of Stomaria

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December 12, 2020 – the Kingdom of Fronecos



December 13, 2020 - The Grand Principality of Lorenzburg



December 21, 2020 - The Kingdom of Unixploria

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December 22, 2020 - The Empire of Lehmark



His Imperial Majesty
William Lehman
Emperor and Autocrat of Lehmark

His Excellency Peter Gumley
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Environmental Protection